

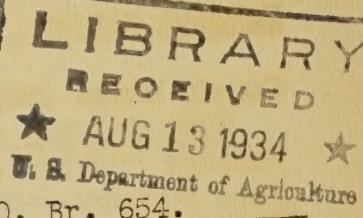
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Editorials

(1) Not a matter of option.

CHARLOTTE, N. C. OBSERVER. 7/25. \* \* \* What Secy. Wallace would delight in seeing come to pass is a condition with the American farmers in which they could quit this business of limitation, curtailment, retrenchment and above all things else, this paternalism now being practiced. But he knows a great deal more about the domestic agricultural state than the run-of-the-mine critic. He knows that it is essential for the sake of the American farmer's prosperity that he be limited to a production that can profitably be sold to a limited market, or that steps be taken to open to him world markets upon which he can sell his surplus. That is the problem. \* \* \* There is no other alternative except to invite the farmer of this country to go to it and if he desires or has no better judgment, cut his own throat. (822687)

(2) Agriculture needs a plan.

TRIBUNE, Galveston, Tex. 7/23. The farmer is a sadly bewildered man in these days of tremendous change. \* \* \* It is recognized by agricultural experts and economists that plowing under of crops is unsound. A change must be brought about, and quickly. These Utopian schemes for bringing temporary relief can not continue another year. There must be a new plan to restore agricultural prosperity in a manner that is economically sound. (822467)

(3) The future of the AAA.

WASHINGTON POST. I. 7/31. \* \* \* The drought has forced the country to take notice of the appalling waste and destruction that has been officially decreed as necessary to a program of crop control. \* \* \* On the other hand, production of crops of which the supply is already excessive, or production under uneconomic conditions, should be intelligently discouraged. \* \* \* Secy. Wallace is undoubtedly right in believing that one drought does not make crop control entirely unnecessary. But it does show the need for a radical revision of abstract ideas as to what constitutes proper planning. (823562)

(4) Resisting change.

NEWS, Saginaw, Mich. I. 7/22. Planned economy is up against human sentiment in the middle west. Farmers, suffering terrible hardships and face to face with disaster, prefer to remain on their ancestral acres in the hope that they will somehow pull through. As far as the financial cost to the government is concerned, it makes little difference whether they are helped to move or given relief where they are. (821919)

(5) Forest weather.

MIAMI, FLA. HERALD. ID. 7/26. \* \* \* Much of the dryness in recent years has been laid at the doors of man in his cultivation of the soil. The vast plains have been turned into fields. The grasses have become grains, the low, damp places have been drained. The soil no longer absorbed the moisture of the air nor retained the rain. Hence, the gradual drying process

until this year when the drought became a catastrophe of tremendous losses and suffering. \* \* \* (823656)

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(1) Is drouth man-made?

MEMPHIS COMMERCIAL APPEAL. D. 7/24. \* \* \* The greed for acreage to grow wheat has meant the cultivation of lands that were never fit for anything but grazing. That meant tearing out the buffalo grass, draining marshes and small lakes, digging not only drainage ditches, but also laying tiles and small ditches to get rid of melting snow as rapidly as possible, thus eliminating the subsoil reservoirs that once made farming possible even with a small normal precipitation. (15131\*)

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(2) The drought grows worse.

AKRON, OHIO. BEACON JOURNAL. R. 7/25. Another wave of blistering heat is putting the finishing touches in five northwestern states to the worst drought their people have ever suffered. \* \* \* As if in mockery of the distress of farmers in the stricken districts a strike by 1,500 men in the Chicago stockyards denies them even a market for the livestock which must be sacrificed. Owners will receive only the small award made by the government relief agencies, a price established early in the drought period, and hardly sufficient to pay for slaughter and disposal costs. As this calamity mounts officials at Washington are beginning to take better account of the suffering likely to be wrought by it. (822683)

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(3) Restoring the range.

GALVESTON, TEX. TRIBUNE. 7/27. \* \* \* If all the country periodically subject to drought were turned back to range, vast areas west of the Mississippi River would show no human habitation other than an occasional ranchhouse and cattle-shipping town. And where would we find a market for all the cattle raised on the new frontier? (823659)

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(4) Drought psychology.

INDIANAPOLIS NEWS. I. 7/25. Natural laws are playing havoc with human laws designed to restrict production in the agricultural regions of the Middle West. \* \* \* The drought has magnified the distress of the farmer to an untold degree. \* \* \* His economic horizon is dark; and yet, is there not, perhaps a light in the clearing? Government relief is being mobilized. The situation is a challenge to the spirit of the American pioneer, which prevails perhaps, most persistently among folk who live on rural land. The drought demands a strong fight against opposing forces, and the cooperation of the nation in aiding those in the afflicted areas. Doubtless it will prove that human courage and persistence can prevail over this scourge of nature, just as in similar crises throughout history. (822965)

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(5) Opportunity calls.

SEATTLE POST INTELLIGENCER. I. 7/25. While the Middle West prays for rain to relieve the most disastrous drought in two score years, and while the federal government pours out hundreds of millions of dollars for relief to drought sufferers, the Pacific Northwest stands helplessly awaiting an increased

Federal appropriation to adapt the Grand Coulee power project to its original purpose--the reclamation of hundreds of thousands of acres of wasted but fertile land. (15180\*)

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## (1) Playing the game.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 7/30. \* \* \* "It is a contemptible thing" for Mr. Fletcher to make "completely unfounded statements" for partisan reasons and "to stir up ill will." \* \* \* On the contrary it is completely legitimate business for the Republican national chairman to try to stir up ill will against a Democratic Progressive Administration. \* \* \* In short politics is a struggle for power, not a course in ethics. (823569)

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## (2) Well organized to face drouth crisis.

OMAHA WORLD HERALD. I. 8/1. The federal government was never before so well organized to deal with the problems attending a great drouth in the chief granaries of the country. \* \* \* The AAA is perhaps the most adaptable of the alphabetical agencies to conditions representing opposite extremes. Whether the condition to be faced is the productive over abundance of the machine age or the burning destructiveness of nature on a cyclical rampage, AAA rises to meet the crisis. (15177\*)

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## (3) Prolonged "emergency".

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 7/31. \* \* \* Is there not a real danger that the AAA plan will come to be regarded, not as a stop-gap measure until tariff reduction is ready, but as a substitute for tariff reduction? Certainly the supposedly temporary alleviation of the farmer's plight by the AAA program will create the strongest pressure for its indefinite continuation. (823563)

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## (4) Making good.

STATE JOURNAL, Reno, Nev. D. 7/25. One of the beneficial results of the agricultural adjustment program is the putting back into grass, feed, forage, soil-building and erosion prevention crops, most of the acres taken out of surplus production. \* \* \* Critics profess to see no good coming out of the President's general recovery program, in whatever direction it is applied, but there are none so blind as those who won't see. (823276)

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## (5) Scruples or objection.

MO. FARM BUREAU NEWS, Jefferson City. 7/20. Comments that frequently appear on the agricultural adjustment program would lead one to think that an attempt to regulate the supply of agricultural products is a great piece of folly, if not an actual crime. Even the drouth is being drawn into the picture by those who seem to have conscientious scruples about a program of planned production. \* \* \* The main trouble lies with those who do not like the plan because they have a personal ax to grind, due either to some prejudice or to some advantage sought. Instead of admitting this, they make clever use of an argument that has a strong human appeal, though it is misleading in its form. (15171\*)

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## (1) Senator Nye on AAA.

N. Y. WALL STREET JOURNAL. 7/28. In a recent interview at Washington Senator Nye said that although the AAA had aided the farmers they were opposed to its being made a permanent policy for agriculture. \* \* \* The Senator might have stated whether he used the term in the limited or wider sense. \* \* \* There is no question but that some people fear the AAA policy means a regimented agriculture. If it did this newspaper would have no hesitation in saying "Away with the whole thing." \* \* \* If we are to have a prosperous agriculture it must be let along but not too much alone. There are many obstructions to be cleared away, ranging from closed export markets to local taxation, which the farmer does not seem able to remove by himself. It is not an unreasonable assumption that in this wider field the AAA may accomplish the purpose of permanent betterment of agriculture, without the ~~restrictive~~ measures which no one favors. (823275)

## (2) As Mr. Wallace sees it.

DALLAS NEWS. D. 7/24. \* \* \* What Mr. Wallace says shows very clearly that he realizes that we must get back into world commerce or attempt the foolish thing of paying ourselves for limiting our own wealth producing capacity. He sees that this thing of assessing a processing tax against the consumer to pay the farmer to restrict his production will have to end somewhere. He is right about this, and he is pre-eminently right when he says that the reopening of foreign markets for American farm products is the way to a permanent solution. (822688)

## (3) Farm mortgage clouds clearing.

TIMES - UNION, Jacksonville, Florida. ID. 7/22. Farm real estate values for the country as a whole have increased during the last few months for the first time in thirteen years, and at the same time thousands of farmers throughout the nation have reduced their farm operating costs because of the lower interest rates of indebtedness refinanced through the Farm Credit Administration. (822175)

## (4) Keeping farms afloat.

RENO, NEV. STATE JOURNAL. D. 7/21. \* \* \* Loans closed on farm mortgages by the twelve Federal Land Banks passed the billion-dollar mark on July 13, (821719)

## (5) Baby banks.

N. Y. WORLD TELEGRAM. I. 7/23. Few realize that Congress in its last hectic days enacted a truly important bit of banking legislation, the Sheppard bill, authorizing the Federal Government to charter credit unions. \* \* \* Credit unions will not hurt the banks, for these are fundamentally merchants' services. They will hurt the loan sharks, now charging people from 30 percent to as high as 100 percent a year for small loans. (821720)

## (6) Welcome awaits President.

TUCSON, ARIZ. STAR. 7/21. President Roosevelt is likely to receive an unprecedented welcome when he passes through the western and midwestern farm country. His signing of the farm mortgage moratorium bill consolidated an

already tremendous hold on farmers. \* \* \* Insurance companies have first mortgages, prior liens, and farm properties that produce have been better than city risks, where buildings soon depreciate and lose tenants. (822548)

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(1) Cost of scaling-down.

SIOUX CITY, IA. TRIBUNE. I. 7/28. It will be interesting to creditors and debtors alike to learn that the average scale-down of debts under the conciliation plan amounts to only 6.7 percent. \* \* \* The principle of conciliation is so firmly established that there should be relatively few cases where resort to the provisions of the new Frazier-Lemke law will be either necessary or advisable. (823498)

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(2) Facing the drought crisis.

BROOKLYN, N. Y. EAGLE. I. 7/26. \* \* \* There had been apparently a growing sense of irritation in the great Western farming centers over the so-called paternalistic efforts of the Federal authorities to help solve their economic problems. However, as they have been set back further and further in their struggle for recovery by the powerful forces of nature, Westerners are looking more and more to Washington for help. No step should be overlooked which might in any way assist in the emergency. (822970)

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Editorials - Con

(3) Page Wallace and Tugwell.

JOURNAL-POST, Kansas City, Mo. I. 7/23. Secy Wallace and Professor Tugwell have been pretty quiet about AAA schemes for reducing crops lately. Nature is doing the job for them with a vengeance. Possibly they have sought a cool spot to develop plans for offsetting the effect of the drouth by making two stalks of wheat grow where one grew before. Or perhaps they have gone into silence to contemplate how many persons could have been fed next winter with the millions of pigs killed some months ago. (822384)

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(4) Columbia River reclamation project.

ARGUS LEADER, Sioux Falls, S. D. I.R. 7/19. Administration spokesmen in this area pass lightly over the government project to expend agricultural acreages in the Pacific Northwest. \* \* \* Discussing the Columbia river reclamation project, a New York TIMES writer says: "The dam will impound a body of water covering 23,000 acres. \* \* \* Agriculturally the region will be aided even more materially. To the wheatlands of the country will be added the 1,200,000 acres to be irrigated by Grand Coulee. Water will be carried to orchards in central Washington and Oregon. Arid lowlands will be turned into fields and pastures." \* \* \* And the AAA fosters a program in the Middle West to retire farm lands from cultivation! (821912)

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(5) A surplus essential.

MANCHESTER, N. H. UNION. I. 7/19. \* \* \* In ancient times they erected storehouses for the specific purpose of preserving their surpluses in productive years, instead of destroying them. That seems a wise precaution. The object lesson of people starving or underfed, while our storehouses were full and we were paying our farmers to destroy the gifts of nature, ought to have taught us ere this that our difficulty is one of distribution and not

of production, and that we have been tackling the farm problem from the wrong end. (822685)

(1) Two sorts of planning.

KANSAS CITY JOURNAL POST. I. 7/24. \* \* \* Contrast the flood prevention planning of the government with the AAA schemes for crop control. Instead of devising some plan for storing the surplus of years of plenty against lean years, the only thing the Wallaces and the Tugwells could think of was to destroy the surplus. \* \* \* How much better it would have been if the agricultural department had taken a lesson from those in the government who see the wisdom of planning for floods in times of drouth or for drouths in times of flood. But the Department of Agriculture seems to have completely ignored the fact that often seven fat years are followed by seven lean years. The result is that there is a hard winter in sight, not only for the farmers, but for the consumers, who will find prices skyrocketing as the months pass. (822677)

News Columns.

(2) Cooperative plan aid to producers.

INDIANAPOLIS STAR. IR. 7/23. By buying cooperatively production can be geared to demand, thus giving us the best known method for keeping supply and demand in balance, declared I. H. Hull, general manager of the Indiana Farm Bureau Cooperative Assn, in an address before the American Institute of Cooperation at the University of Wisconsin. "Through National Cooperatives, Inc., farmers in twenty-one states now buy petroleum products cooperatively. These organized consumers know accurately what their requirements are and they contract accordingly. The refiner then adjusts his production to a certain demand. (197656)

(3) Tanners to ask U. S. action on hide surplus.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE. I. 7/24. Members of the Tanners Council of America are scheduled to meet with officials in Washington to try to find some solution for problems arising in connection with the government's huge slaughtering of cattle as a drouth relief measure. A committee of the council is expected to discuss with Reconstruction Finance corporation officials a proposal for a loan which would be used to buy up surplus hides in an endeavor to stabilize the market. (198829)

(4) Drought scourge unabated in West.

WASHINGTON STAR. I. 7/27. U. S. to expand cattle buying and may scrap cotton control law. (15179\*)

(5) Nature helps AAA over top.

OMAHA WORLD TELEGRAM. I. 7/22. (Wash. AP) Drouth slices crops below estimates set by farm program. (15126\*)

(6) Drought situation worries industry.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 7/29. Executives are now considering a change of merchandising programs in mid-west. With farmers in many of the drought-

stricken states faced with a loss in purchasing power of as much as 50 percent, the prospects for doing a profitable business in the affected areas depend entirely on how much relief money the Government will pump into those sections, according to comment by business executives. (200675)

(1) Drought will force food prices upward.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 7/29. Any hope of averting increase declared blasted--market buying is active. (200661)

(2) More farm aid may be needed.

N. Y. WALL ST. JOURNAL. 7/28. Present AAA appropriation appears inadequate as the drought continues. (200681)

(3) U. S. to speed pacts in vieing with rest of world for trade.

N. Y. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 7/25. (Clarence L. Linz, Wash.) The success seemingly achieved by various foreign nations among themselves in finding markets for their surplus products through the operation of reciprocal trade agreements is reported inspiring the Roosevelt Administration to push to completion pacts with other countries for which negotiations already have been started. (15175\*)

(4) Canada wheat crop to bring more money.

WASHINGTON POST. I. 7/25. Farmer to receive largest cash return in past three years. (15167\*)

#### News Columns - Pro

(5) Wallace cheered at farm meeting.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE. ID. 7/31. Defense of AAA policies well received by Louisiana Agriculturists. (Ruston, La. AP) Some 4,000 north Louisiana farmers cheered emphatic assertions by Secy of Agri. Wallace that the crop control activities of the AAA would be continued, and repeatedly interrupted his address to give prolonged applause to references to President Roosevelt and the "New Deal". (15176\*)

(6) Farm bureaus and granges sponsor event.

ROCKFORD, ILL. STAR. R. 7/22. Plans for a giant mass meeting to be held August 19 under sponsorship of the Winnebago County Farm Bureau in cooperation with farm bureaus and granges of northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin, with Secy of Agri. Henry A. Wallace the guest of honor and principal speaker, were announced by Farm Advisor Charles H. Keltner. (198025)

(7) Better crops being developed.

PUEBLO, COLO. CHIEFTAIN. I. 7/24. Many crops being improved for use of farmers throughout the state were seen by about 60 northern Colorado farmers during the Larimer county crops field day at the Agricultural College experiment station farm. (200061)

(1) U. S. farm surplus rapidly vanishing.

WASHINGTON HERALD. I. 7/24. (Des Moines, AP) Government control and nature combine to cut production. (15121\*)

(2) Sales of California farms grow.

SAN FRANCISCO CALL BULLETIN. I. 7/20. Increasingly tenant farmers who have been leasing farm properties in possession of the Berkeley Federal Land Bank are aspiring to become owners of their rented acres, it was said in the real estate sales department of the bank. \* \* \* As evidence of increasing stability of the farming industry, was cited the fact that larger down payments of cash were being made this year than last, and that the number of farms sold in the first six months of the present year was considerably above that of 1932, the peak of the depression. (200441)

(3) K. C. to supply water free to rural areas.

KANSAS CITY JOURNAL-POST. I. 7/22. To relieve the drouth-stricken suburban communities and farming districts near Kansas City, where springs, wells, and cisterns have dried up, causing an acute water shortage, the city will provide free water from eight stations near the city limits. (198030)

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(4) It's a swell idea.

FORT WAYNE, IND. NEWS-SENTINEL. R. 7/26. \* \* \* It's a swell idea the Secy of Agri. has: To permit foreign goods to come and close up a few more factories, with the result that at least one good American customer for farm goods would be lost (and added to relief rolls) for every foreign customer for agricultural produce that would be picked up. (823324)

(5) Farmers paid for not growing what they could not have raised anyway.

DENVER POST. I. 7/22. Colorado corn and hog producers soon will be paid more than two and one-half million dollars for agreeing to curtail production of commodities they could not have produced anyway. (15165\*)

(6) Borah assails monopoly as farm enemy.

DAILY OKLAHOMAN. D. 7/25. New Deal being destroyed by combination, price fixing, he says. (15172\*)

(7) Destroying crops held first error in AAA program.

PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER. IR. 7/20. (New Haven, Conn) Country has been pulled out of depressions by nature, says Royal Meeker. Strikes which cover the waterfront and the hinterland as well are being described as communist revolutions. Without in the least discounting the significance and seriousness of these outbreaks against social order, it should be stated emphatically that strikes are secondary in importance to the agricultural crisis brought about by drought and insect pests especially in the Middle West. (200346)

(1) Farm debt act hushed.

DES MOINES TRIBUNE. IR. 7/24. Myers discouraging use of measure.  
(By Richard Wilson). (15169\*)

(2) Will combine politics with drouth relief.

TOPEKA KANSAS STATE JOURNAL. IR. 7/24. Kansas is going to mix her politics and drouth relief and has the assurance that things probably won't be much worse and may get better. A lot of very highly advertised Federal organization for relief activity seems to have suddenly broken down and no one knows what to do or where to go to get something done. There is such a bewildering array of Government agencies and bureaus and societies with alphabetical titles that the horses and cattle may die of thirst before someone can untangle the puzzle and figure which way to move. (199344)

(3) Condemnation of drought lands.

PUEBLO, COLO. CHIEFTAIN. I. 7/26. Wisdom of the wholesale condemnation of sub-marginal or drought lands in eastern Colorado and other sections as recommended by Dr. Elwood Mead, reclamation commissioner, is to be questioned, and action should be taken only after the most careful consideration. \* \* \* Where will people from the condemned lands be placed? Before anything is done, every possibility of working out their own salvation--with Federal help if necessary--on their own lands should be considered. (823661)

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D A I R YEditorials

(4) Let AAA advertise milk.

HOLYOKE, MASS. TRANSCRIPT. I. 7/26. \* \* \* If milk were advertised with the intelligence that goes into cigarette advertising, people would drink more milk. It would cost no more for AAA to stimulate the use of milk by adequate advertising and sufficient work with the people than it does to cut down on the supply. Milk isn't like bread or even sugar, something that has reached its limit in public consumption. (823274)

(5) A useful inquiry.

WASHINGTON POST. I. 7/26. Complaints against the milk industry have been numerous in recent years. On one hand, the public believes that prices are too high, and, on the other, dairy farmers protest that they can not continue in operation unless their returns from milk are increased. \* \* \* The Nation-wide investigation of the dairy industry which has been launched by the Federal Trade Commission should prove both illuminating and important. \* \* \* The data sought by the Federal Trade Commission may serve as a guide to more satisfactory policy affecting the country's milk supply. (822463)

Editorials - Pro

## (1) Milk industry investigation.

FREE PRESS, Burlington, Vt. R. 7/26. At last the investigation of the milk industry, in accordance with a congressional resolution, is actually under way. \* \* \* While there may be some danger in stirring up this whole milk problem again and perhaps creating more hard feeling between producers and dealers and between rival groups of dealers, yet we believe the ultimate result will be beneficial, if the investigation is properly conducted. (823273)

## (2) Milk and firecrackers.

NEW ORLEANS STATES. 7/26. Firecrackers will soon be popping under certain officials of large cooperatives and other farmer organizations. The AAA brain trusters, who think they're doing a handsome job toward saving the farmer from his enemies and adversities, are pretty tired of so-called farmer leaders whom they accuse of playing in cahoots with "middle men" at the expense of both farmers and consumers. \* \* \* The AAA has trouble enough fighting distributors, without having what it regards as "false" farmer leaders lining up farmers against its program. It will go behind those leaders to the individual farmers. (15174\*)

News columns

## (3) Control board aid seen for farmers.

PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER. IR. 7/25. State launches drive to make milk distributors "toe mark". Systematic and wholesale "chiseling" of dairy farmers was charged against certain big milk companies by the State Milk Control Board as it launched a campaign to make the distributors toe the mark. Unfair freight charges and other deductions from the farmers' milk checks, and "gyping" on the utilization of milk classifications were among the practices of which the board accused some dealers, whose names were withheld. The Board, in a statement, also charged that the "milk trusts are deducting money from the producers' checks to finance the campaign" against the control board. (198350)

## (4) Price of raw milk in this territory raised for dairies.

NEWS, Lynchburg, Va. D. 7/25. The Virginia milk commission has allowed dairymen a substantial increase in the price of raw milk through Lynchburg. Under the rulings of the commission, announced in Richmond, the producer of this food commodity will receive more for his product, but the ultimate consumer will pay no more. (198351)

## (5) Milk monopoly reports start Federal probe.

RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH. ID. 7/25. Charge of racketeering will lead to inquiry of prices and 'gangsterism'. (15181\*)

(1) Demands U. S. milk control.

INDIANAPOLIS STAR. IR. 7/24. A demand that the United States Department of Agriculture undertake the management of milk distribution in Indianapolis was made by the Farmers' Union of Hamilton county through its president, D. C. Johnson, a farmer. (198352)

News Columns - Con

(2) AAA keeps milk question up in air.

BALTIMORE SUN. ID. 7/24. Price to be paid for commodity is point on which most interest centers. Baltimore milk producers, distributors and consumers were in a quandary as officials of the milk division of the AAA in Washington said they were unable to tell when the new license for this milkshed would be put into effect or what its provisions would be. (197652)

(3) Milk dealers criticize AAA.

DES MOINES REGISTER. I. 7/25. Federal licensing of local milk sales under the AAA was called "intervention in local business" during discussions of the milk marketing administration at a meeting of Iowa independent dairy-men. Speakers said the milk licenses prescribed for Des Moines and Council Bluffs and proposed licenses for Cedar Rapids and Mason City were attempts at regulation of local sales not involved in interstate business. (199626)

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C O T T O NEditorial - Con

(4) Trouble in the cotton belt.

INDIANAPOLIS STAR. IR. 7/29. The cotton farmers in Texas are reported up in arms over the operation of the Bankhead law restricting production to 10,000,000 bales and apportioning to each planter the quota he is permitted to market. A petition is being signed by practically all Texas planters, it is said, calling on the President to suspend the operation of the law. (823565)

News Columns

(5) Sharp recession noted in cotton.

BIRMINGHAM AGE-HERALD. ID. 7/30. Liquidations and stock mart weakness are bearish elements. (15182\*)

(6) Texas cotton exports must be recovered.

DALLAS MORNING NEWS. ID. 7/31. Tariff cut essential to give agriculture equal opportunity. (15178\*)

(1) Ginners discuss trade matters.

BIRMINGHAM AGE-HERALD. ID. 7/26. That Alabama ginners should not gin cotton this season at less than cost was the consensus of opinion at the annual meeting of the Alabama Ginners Association. Approximately 600 representatives from all parts of the state met to discuss application of the Bankhead cotton control act and other trade matters. The association adopted a motion at the morning session to the effect that it did not favor placing the industry under the basic code at the present time, in view of past experiences and the approaching ginning season. (15173\*)

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### L I V E S T O C K

#### Editorial - Pro

(2) Prepared meats.

SAVANNAH PRESS. 7/25. The meat packing plant which the Government is to install in Savannah is an enterprise of no small proportions. \* \* \* It strikes us as being one of the most practical things the Government has undertaken in connection with its plans for caring for those who must be given assistance this winter. (822983)

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#### News Column

(3) Cattle die by thousands in Oklahoma.

N. Y. TIMES. ID. 7/25. (198824)

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### W H E A T

#### Editorial

(4) Making matters worse.

DISPATCH-HERALD. Erie, Pa. 7/23. \* \* \* The whole wheat problem, like the AAA program, was tough enough to begin with. The drought simply intensifies complexity of a puzzle that was already far too involved. (822383)

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#### Editorials - Pro

(5) AAA's wheat problems.

DETROIT, MICH. NEWS. I. 7/28. Whatever its demerits as a permanent policy, the AAA seems a pretty effective instrument in an emergency like the present, when drought and other factors make for maximum uncertainty as to the amount of grain to be available on the world markets 12 months hence. Its effectiveness lies in its flexibility, as instanced by the latest scheme

under consideration by the authorities at Washington for dealing with the wheat crop. (823566)

(1) Wheat situation.

STATE JOURNAL, Reno, Nev. D. 7/25. \* \* \* There is no guess work about this wheat program, and it is proving a big factor in stabilizing the industry. More than 500,000 wheat growers, producing over 77 per cent of the nation's wheat, are parties to the adjustment plan. (823281)

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T O B A C C O

Editorial - Con

(2) The New Deal in tobacco.

COURANT, Hartford, Conn. 7/27. \* \* \* On the one hand, the Government is seeking to get rid of a very bothersome tobacco surplus, paying the farmers for reducing their acreage, and on the other hand it is talking about offsetting this assumed gain by opening up the domestic market to Cuban tobacco. Is it any wonder that the tobacco farmers of the Connecticut Valley and elsewhere are puzzled to know what to make of it all? It stumps us, but it is probably all clear enough to the Brain Trust Department of the New Dealers. (823280)

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C O R N

News Column

(3) Corn crop is smallest in 33 years.

CHICAGO JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 7/26. 1,600,000,000 bushels is estimate. (By R. A. Meincke, Grain editor, Chicago Journal of Commerce.) (15170\*)

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R E F O R E S T A T I O N      P R O J E C T

Editorials - Pro

(4) The great tree belt.

BLADE, Toledo, O. IR. 7/25. \* \* \* The government accepts Mark Twain's challenge and undertakes on a very large scale to do something about the weather and to correct the mistakes of the settlers who denuded the lands, and plowed vast unbroken areas until water tables were lowered, average rainfall decreased and fertile top layers of soil whirled away by the winds. (822980)

## (1) The trail of trees.

TIMES, Hammond, Ind. I.R. 7/24. If, 100 years from now, the New Deal is still remembered as that period when the American people took control of their own destiny, the greatest physical monument to the era may well be a belt of trees in strips a mile apart and 1,000 miles long across the western plains. (822666)

## (2) Economic importance of trees.

COURANT, Hartford, Conn. I. 7/24. \* \* \* Until recently, the people of the Middle West had not thought of trees as having economic importance for them, but it now has become ominously apparent. \* \* \* The project reflects, in short, the kind of national planning that promises to bring forth the most valuable results. (822392)

## (3) Reforestation project.

REGISTER GUARD, Eugene, Ore. 7/21. \* \* \* Money spent in such program would be money very well spent. We cannot afford to let the nation's granary turn into a semi-arid waste land. China affords a striking example of the way in which good land can become worthless when protective measures are not taken. No one wants to see the United States go the same way. The scheme looks like the kind of thing that might very properly be added to the New Deal program. (822401)

## (4) Worth trying.

JOURNAL, East St. Louis, Ill. I. 7/23. \* \* \* In all the long record of human attempts to do something about the weather, this is the most ambitious scheme that has ever been given a trial. (822397)

## (5) Maybe the guy's a genius.

N. Y. NEWS. R. 7/24. \* \* \* President Roosevelt now proposes to undo some of this smart work that man had done by planting a shelter belt of trees down the middle of the drought area. \* \* \* It is such an eminently practical scheme that it amounts to a stroke of genius. (821918)

## (6) Drought relief.

N. Y. TIMES. I.D. 7/29. \* \* \* There is every reason to believe that the President's forest shelter-belt will reduce the average wind velocity by 35 percent in Summer and 20 in Winter. (823318)

## (7) The shelter of trees.

OMAHA WORLD HERALD. I. 7/26. \* \* \* It is magnificently conceived and audacious in its scope, but the experience of Italy, Hungary, Russia and other nations justifies the belief that it is practical. \* \* \* Thus the administration will meet a condition whose ugly menace to life on the plains has been noted this year in the far-flung dust storms and the losses of the drouth. \* \* \* The plan gives new hope to the Midwest, strengthening the farmers' confidence in an administration which has met their burdensome problems with emergency aid, extended into programs of lasting benefit. (823322)

## (1) Interesting plan.

BEE, Fresno, Calif. I. 7/20. \* \* \* Similar experiments have been carried on for nearly 100 years in Russia, where it is claimed tree plantings have increased rainfall and reduced heat, and wind velocities. The plan seems practicable and should be studied in detail by the government. The cost certainly would be cheap insurance against drouths, provided the scheme will work. (822667)

## (2) Reforestation.

CITIZEN, Asheville, N.C. D. 7/24. \* \* \* The cost is large, but the expenditure will be small by comparison with the saving that will be accomplished if the plan works. The experiment is another illustration of the President's extraordinary and continuing interest in all phases of forestation. (822389)

## (3) Welcome to the trees!

KANSAS CITY TIMES. I. 7/23. \* \* \* This gasping area of the Middle West can do no other than throw about the project the embrace of its hopes and bestow upon it the full measure of its blessing. (822388)

## (4) A belt of trees.

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. SENTINEL. I. 7/27. \* \* \* That is the question that should be studied seriously before the taxpayers are asked to put out this much money. This is a large sum of money, and yet if it will prevent the disastrous droughts suffered for many years in that section of the country it is worth the expenditure. (823649)

## (5) Hint to nature.

GALVESTON, TEX. TRIBUNE. 7/25. \* \* \* Growing trees where nature didn't intend them to grow isn't always easy, but it can be done if the proper varieties are planted and they are properly tended until they become strong enough to cope with their unfriendly environment. \* \* \* There are places in the West where one must drive for miles to find enough shade for a picnic. We think the government should encourage the picnic habit in the Middle West; it might have a mellowing influence on the disposition of farm belt politicians, whose temperaments sometimes reflect the austerity of the sun-baked plains of their nativity. (823650)

## (6) The shelter belt.

REGISTER, Wheeling, W. Va. D. 7/23. This is one Federal project in which we should all be interested, and over which we might all work up a bit of enthusiasm--even though it is not within a thousand miles of us. (821923)

## (7) Controlling rain.

AMERICAN, Fort Smith, Ark. D. 7/25. \* \* \* It has been a dream of forestry enthusiasts for years that trees might be planted in large quantity upon the great plains of the United States. \* \* \* But it took the great drought of 1934 to make it a specific project which the Federal Government

is to undertake. \* \* \* In these days when money is being spent for all sorts of temporary relief by the hundreds of millions, an expenditure of \$75,000,000 over a period of 10 to 12 years is merely chicken-feed. (822931)

(1) No experiment this.

TWIN CITY SENTINEL, Winston-Salem, N.C. I. 7/26. The News and Observer comments: "Certainly this is doing something about the weather with a vengeance." And another editof comments: "The tree planting may be nothing but a big idea, but it may be worth trying." \* \* \* Not only does this project strike at the very heart of the condition from which deserts evolve, but also at the cause of the increasingly threatening flood condition throughout the nation. \* \* \* The gigantic tree planting project is no experiment with Pres~~ident~~ident Roosevelt. Its value has been proven by the gigantic tree planting program undertaken by him for his state while governor. It now behooves every state in the Union to follow his lead and adopt a policy of both conservation of its forests and reforestation. Intelligent reforestation should be undertaken along every waterway in the state, to the end that its people shall be protected from both drought and flood. (822978)

(2) A shelter belt of trees.

WALL ST. JOURNAL. N.Y. 7/27. \* \* \* This great forestation project is one of the steps that appear necessary to preserve the country's principal food producing areas from serious deterioration, and perhaps worse. \* \* \* Investigation proves that water erosion alone will in one year take as much fertility from the soil as the crops will in twenty-one years. (822975)

(3) Tree belt not enough.

DETROIT NEWS. I. 7/24. \* \* \* The plan, while highly visionary, has certain merits, yet there is a great expanse of country through which the proposed belt would run that is not suitable to reforestation or tree planting. If suitable forage grasses and plants could be restored to this semi-desert country, marshes and swamps returned to former condition, and un-profitable farming land turned into vast pastures under grazing regulation, this combination, together with the tree planting plan, undoubtedly would restore much of the land to productivity. (822670)

(4) A belt of trees.

NEWS, Dayton, O. ID. 7/25. Future generations will reap the chief benefit of President Roosevelt's recently announced plan to gird the western plains with a belt of trees. The same foresight on the part of our ancestors would have spared us the evils which for our own posterity will, without such action, be a great deal worse. \* \* \* Erosion has carried away the once rich topsoil, and the annual economic loss in only six of the Mississippi tributary basins is estimated at \$186,000,000 to \$225,000,000. Incidentally, the project would provide work and wages for drouth-distressed farmers otherwise doomed to the dole. (822974)

## (1) A gigantic windbreak.

GAZETTE, Reno, Nevada. R. 7/23. Building of a great tree-barrier against winds, announced in a Washington dispatch, will be one of the greatest efforts to alter climatic conditions ever made on the fact of the earth. \* \* \* This new plan, ambitious as it is, seems to be only an application on a large scale of what has been a universal practice on farmsteads. (822976)

## (2) A 1,000 mile tree barrier.

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL. I. 7/24. \* \* \* The project is an amazingly bold attempt to save a great district from continued drouth damage. It is such an experiment in climatic control as would have been laughed at a decade or two ago. And therein lies its significance. It means that Americans at last have begun to sense the import of nature's processes. \* \* \* It means that they propose practically, and for vital purposes, to utilize natural forces for human betterment and protection. (822671)

## (3) A belt of trees.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR. 7/24. \* \* \* If that tier of states is so important to the nation's food supply as we have been led to believe at various times, notably during the war, there is some national interest in helping with the large-scale struggle which competent observers now consider necessary in order to prevent erosion from turning large sections of it into a great American Desert. (822668)

## (4) Real farm relief.

LOUISVILLE, KY. TIMES. 7/24. President Roosevelt went immediately to the bottom of the Northwest's trouble when he signed that executive order allocating fifteen million for preliminary work on a belt of trees 100 miles wide, from Canada to the Texas Panhandle. \* \* \* If the plan is carried to fruition, it will be seventy-five million dollars well spent. (822669)

## (5) Billion tree forestation.

SCRANTON, Pa. REPUBLICAN. R. 7/25. Aside from the immense practical benefits expected from it, the ambitious plan of bisecting the United States with a swath of a billion trees is a contribution to posterity. The aesthetic or romantic phase of the enterprise can be gathered at a mental glance. Imagine a wondrous national forest that long and that wide crossing the middle of the country! (822672)

## (6) Forest futures.

NEW HAVEN, CONN. JOURNAL COURIER. I. 7/25. The Roosevelt forest shelter-belt project has been described as the greatest effort ever made in the United States "to modify climatic and other agricultural conditions." \* \* \* Because it is "planned" those with the anti-planning phobia in its advanced stages may devise vehement objections. But it is difficult to believe that the Midwest farmers will find overmuch fault. \* \* \* The trees themselves which are expected to accomplish this heroic work, will furnish

in the future a considerable supply of lumber to aid adjacent farmers and to offset in part the expense of the program. (822673)

(1) Long dry spell.

N. Y. WORLD-TELEGRAM. I. 7/25. The age-old saga of the nomadic tribes is being lived over again in the drought-stricken West, and the fact that the frantic push for water is going on in fairly commonplace Kansas and Nebraska instead of Mongolia and Turkestan gives it poignance all the more appealing. \* \* \* The proposed reforestation aimed at soil and climate control takes on an unrealized importance and urgency. (822681)

(2) Beginning a great work.

BROOKLYN, N.Y. EAGLE. I. 7/25. We have been slow to learn that trees have a value entirely apart from that of the square feet of lumber they may happen to contain. Germany has conserved her forests by careful replanting, so that today she has timber reserves greater than she had fifty years ago, Soviet Russia has recently adopted German methods of reforestation, planting trees over large areas long denuded. But in this country advocates of reforestation on an extensive scale have not had all the official encouragement they deserved. (822674)

(3) A magnificent effort.

PLAINFIELD, N. J. COURIER NEWS. 7/26. \* \* \* If it succeeds in doing this there probably will be a change in the eastern climate as well, since weather conditions in the United States usually travel from west to east. \* \* \* As a matter of fact, although never tried before on such an immense scale, the experiment is not novel, since it is based upon results obtained from planting similar forests in Italy, Hungary and Russia. (822675)

(4) Surveying the drouth.

BROOKLYN, N.Y. EAGLE. I. 7/28. \* \* \* The great project, recently launched by the President's order, for the planting of tree belts from the Canadian border to the Texas panhandle, will not prevent droughts, but it should help materially to make the consequences of future dry spells much less severe. (823657)

(5) Will plant huge windbreak.

REPUBLICAN, Waterbury, Conn. IR. 7/24. \* \* \* Meanwhile let the program for the 1000-mile windbreak go forward. It will no doubt be worth its cost and it will furnish an excellent form of made work for a region where the need of relief steadily increases. (822391)

(6) Uncle Sam's belt.

PHILADELPHIA BULLETIN. IR. 7/24. \* \* \* On the whole, Uncle Sam's belt is another experiment, this time with scientific backing and European experience, and with the prospect that whether or not the tree belt will affect the climate, it will be a valuable timber supply. (822390)

(1) America's "new forest".

WASHINGTON STAR. I. 7/24. \* \* \* This is a project that will win general commendation the country over. (822402)

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News Column - Con.

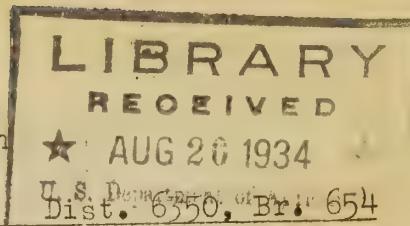
(2) Silence on 'tree belt' called sign U. S. is getting tired of marvels.

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 7/29. (By Julian Mason, Vice-President, National Republican Builders) The week has brought one of the most startling instances of the paralysis of the national will that the whole history of the New Deal has shown. It lies in the dead stillness with which the country has received the executive order of President Roosevelt creating a "great forest belt", through the drought area of the Middle West. (201408)

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(1) Continuing the AAA's Crop control.

PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER. IR. 7/31. \* \* \* It is a hard job that the AAA management has on its hands. Always regarded with more or less suspicion in the Middle West, this department of the New Deal has yet to prove its efficacy. (824090)

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(2) Bureaucrats disdain advice.

SYRACUSE, N.Y. POST STANDARD. R. 8/1. Those who criticize the AAA are "short-sighted", Secy Wallace says. \* \* \* The first thing to do to solve agricultural problems is to restore the market for the farmer's goods by helping the city family which consumes them. The second thing to do is to lower distributing costs which force the farmer to accept low prices and the consumer to pay high prices. (825180)

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(3) Crop control of what?

ST. LOUIS STAR TIMES. I. 7/31. Secy Wallace put his finger on the weak spot in the Republican arguments against the AAA and its crop adjustment program, when he said that the same men who cry for abolition of the AAA are defenders of the high tariff system which makes crop control necessary. (824947)

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(4) Preparing the alibi.

PROVIDENCE, R.I. NEWS-TRIBUNE. D. 7/28. \* \* \* The fact is the checks are being sent out as fast as possible, but they are not being sent out without proper investigation of the farmers' claims to them. Probably if they were being sent out any faster, Mr. Fletcher's charge would be one of criminal recklessness on the part of the administration. Secy Wallace has ample justification for saying that "it is a contemptible thing, indeed, for a man of Mr. Fletcher's intelligence and standing in the Republican party to make deliberately for partisan purposes a completely unfounded statement designed to stir up ill-will." (824550)

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(5) Crop adjustments to continue.

KANSAS CITY STAR. I. 7/31. \* \* \* The theory that unplanned output of farm commodities inevitably would bring agriculture back to chaos is supported by the Dept. of Agri. There are many successful farmers who subscribe to the theory that planned agriculture eventually will lead to a similar result. \* \* \* This adjustment was delayed by the act which held out the false hope of increasing prices and maintaining production at the same time. If, however, unplanned production is to continue, farmers will rejoice over the fact that officials have recognized that the system is complex, bulky and unwieldy, and that the paramount feature of the new plan, which is to be presented before the first of October, is simplicity. (825179)

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(1) Taxes in farm bankruptcy.

WALL STREET JOURNAL, N.Y. 8/3. Who pays the taxes on the property involved in a bankruptcy proceedings under the Frazier-Lemke Act? (825269)

(2) A Portage County decision.

AKRON, O. BEACON-JOURNAL. R. 7/31. \* \* \* How this is going to benefit the farmer does not yet appear unless the Federal government having started with the Frazier-Lemke bill, is willing to go the whole way of shouldering whatever enormous burden the new paternal policy puts upon its resources. (824423)

(3) Reform by migration.

BALTIMORE SUN. ID. 7/30. \* \* \* Instead of chasing after fantastic ideas, the Government ought to attempt to deal with the drought problem on the ground. (824074)

(4) Crop surpluses vanish.

DALLAS, TEX. NEWS. D. 7/30. \* \* \* The drouth is cutting down surplus agricultural supplies in accordance with Government intentions, but it is exerting some terrific strains in places where the Government had intended an orderly and painless readjustment. (825298)

(5) The drouth and the AAA.

OMAHA, NEB. WORLD-HERALD. I. 7/30. Mention has hitherto been made in these columns of the statesmanlike quality of Secy Wallace's utterances, of the clarity of his vision, of the farm problem and how it resolves itself into the whole economic problem of America, of his patience and generous tolerance. In addition to the intellectual and spiritual gifts notice must be taken of his optimism in adversity and his quick-witted faculty for turning disturbing circumstances to account. \* \* \* In short, because of the operations of the AAA agriculture will be able to weather the drouth with less distress than it otherwise would have suffered. Its surpluses of grain, of hogs and of cattle will probably have been wiped out, but with less suffering than had there been no relief program in operation. \* \* \* But we are only in the middle of the drouth. The worst may be yet to come. (825311)

(6) To rescue farmers.

OREGON DAILY JOURNAL. R. 7/30. \* \* \* Drouth disaster always threatens the district where this year it fell heaviest. The country's further agricultural development must be undertaken where there is water. That means the Columbia Valley, where there is not only water in abundance but the richest land and the greatest power source. (15197\*)

(7) Farm purchasing power.

N.Y. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 7/30. While farm purchasing power as a whole will be severely curtailed by the drouth the effects on business will vary considerably between the different sections of the country. \* \* \* Business

concerns catering to farmers are consequently trying to make their plans highly flexible. In the drouth area they will concentrate chiefly on practical necessities, while they expect to find farmers in other sections ready to buy more expensive merchandise than at any time in recent years. (15201\*)

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(1) Erosion, worse than flood.

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH. ID. 7/20. \* \* \* But the public and the Government now are fortunately aware of the far greater danger from that stealthy thief, erosion, who removes the soil, particle by particle, until only a barren waste is left. The present and projected activities are a true stitch in time. (15210\*)

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(2) Marginal lands.

KANSAS CITY STAR. I. 7/28. \* \* \* The pioneer spirit has died, and, whether they run farms, stores, banks or factories, the descendants of the men who converted a continental wilderness into farms and cities now cry out to Uncle Sam when visited with misfortune, instead of depending upon their own ingenuity. (824076)

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(3) To return to a wilderness.

RENO, NEV. GAZETTE. R. 7/26. It will be hard to persuade farmers of the western half of the Dakotas and eastern slope of the Rocky mountains, drought-beaten though they are, to abandon homes that they have wrested from the wilderness. \* \* \* The distuation is another example of the harrowing damage that has fallen upon settlers who have innocently made their homes and farms upon lands located within areas subject to recurrent wet and dry cycles. (824075)

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(4) The home instinct.

LOUISVILLE COURIER JOURNAL. I. 7/28. \* \* \* The home instinct, the attachment for one's domicile, is ingrained deep in the nature of most people. \* \* \* It is loyal of Gov. Tom Berry of South Dakota to say that his people will "fight it out", but one wonders whether that determination would be as strong if the Federal Government was not supplying direct relief. (824077)

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(5) The farmers object.

DECATUR, ILL. HERALD. I. 7/28. Proposals of the Federal reclamation bureau for wholesale evacuation of drouth regions has not been met with enthusiasm on the part of those in whose interest the project is undertaken. \* \* \* Even a benevolent scheme is seen to have its drawbacks. Distressed Dakota farmers are not ready to leave their farms, but they will be happy if a benevolent government will bring their wind-blown soil back to them. (824079)

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## (1) Home.

COLORADO SPRINGS GAZETTE. I.R. 7/26. \* \* \* Marginal lands represent home to the people on them, and the home tie is stronger than economic planning. \* \* \* The problem of marginal lands is one thing on paper; it is something else on the lands themselves. (824555)

## (2) Never again?

OMAHA WORLD HERALD. I. 7/28. \* \* \* Stupendous a task as it may be, removal of the suffering population from this area will be an easier job than keeping it from going back. \* \* \* People love to gamble with the spot on which they choose to build their homes and rear their cities. Time and again they lose and time and again they go right back to take the same old chance. \* \* \* The difficulty with the readjustment of agriculture by the purchase of marginal lands is not going to be at the beginning, but at the end when land hungry people begin a siege of the government to let them try their luck where a former generation has failed. (824556)

## (3) Proposed abandonment of Western farm lands.

BIRMINGHAM NEWS. D. 7/27. \* \* \* Human beings become attached to their homes, both sentimentally and economically. It might be more feasible to consider plans for transporting water artificially to the Dakotas than to proceed with the notion that it would be a practical thing to transport thousands of drouth sufferers to a region which seems to be temporarily more favored by the heavens. (824561)

## (4) Drought-stricken farmers won't move.

ST. LOUIS GLOBE-DEMOCRAT. I. 7/21. \* \* \* While admitting that the situation is desperate and acknowledging with thanks the government offer to move them to greener fields, they are planning to stick it out. (15205\*)

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## (5) Texas farmers laud efforts of Wallace.

WASHINGTON STAR. I. 7/31. (Corpus Christi, AP) Deny Bankhead law complications led to damage to cotton crop. Farmers of this section, at a mass meeting voiced approval of the AAA and of Secy Wallace's policies. (201705)

## (6) Farm credit peak has passed, says Scott W. Hovey.

KANSAS CITY JOURNAL POST. I. 7/29. Former K.C. attorney sees demand for loans falling off. (203258)

## (7) Farm topics.

ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS. I. 7/31. "Perhaps the most encouraging phase of the farmer's troubles," says the St. Cloud TIMES, "is that they have

caused him to look with a new and inquiring mind on economic and social problems." \* \* \* "One of the great obstacles faced by the co-operatives has been lack of aggressive support on the part of members." \* \* \* The co-operatives that have really made headway during these past difficult years are those whose members, by and large, have worked for and with them and have labored constantly to bring in new recruits to the cause. (15209\*)

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(1) Today in Washington.

NEW YORK SUN. I. 7/23. Business outlook for fall encouraging, but poor budget policy might upset it. On the whole the outlook for autumn business would seem to be decidedly encouraging because of the vast amount of Government money being turned loose. When winter comes the question of replacing Government money will again be paramount, for we have already seen how quickly the business curve turns downward when the Government stimulus is taken away. (15207\*)

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(2) Full indorsement accorded AAA by Co-ops of Texas.

DALLAS MORNING NEWS. ID: 8/4. (15185\*)

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(3) Drouth today causes no fear of famine.

AUSTIN, TEX. STATESMAN. D. 8/1. \* \* \* The United States today, for all the damage that the drouth is causing, is in no danger of famine. \* \* \* If any people go hungry it will be because our economic machine is still out of gear and not because the national granary has been stricken. For the same factors which led the government to hire the farmers to produce less than usual also operate to soften the blow which the elements have launched at us. \* \* \* It is because of the intricacy of our whole economic organization that we have to cook up such measures as the AAA. But that very intricacy is the factor that keeps us from going hungry when the age-old causes of famine are abroad in the land. (825711)

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(4) Nearing the farm goal.

SIOUX CITY, IA. TRIBUNE. I. 7/30. \* \* \* Today, granting that the prevailing drought is a passing phenomena, mid-western agriculture is nearer to achieving its traditional goals than it ever has been since the white men came to drive the Indians back and appropriate the country for themselves. This is a significant statement, but it is a fact. \* \* \* Through the agricultural adjustment act under which the processing tax plan was inaugurated, the farmer is on the way to achieving price parity with industry. \* \* \* We are today nearer to independence of New York financial domination than ever before in the history of the United States. \* \* \* If the middle western farmer has been sincere in his fight for price parity and credit freedom in the past, he cannot consistently rebuke the present administration at the polls in November, regardless of his past or present party affiliation. If he would remain true to the ideals for which he so long has struggled, he must stand by Roosevelt now. (824946)

## (1) The great forest.

YOUNGSTOWN, O. VINDICATOR. ID. 7/29. It may be that in the years to come nothing in the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt will impress men as such a memorable achievement as his plan to establish a belt of forest trees running south from the Canadian border into Texas. \* \* \* The New Deal has not hesitated to attack economic conditions which many say are beyond the power of man to change. Experience has proved that the proposed scheme is practical, and, after all, it will merely be restoring what the early settlers destroyed. (824072)

## (2) Step in right direction.

TACOMA, WASH. TIMES. I. 7/28. The imagination is stirred by the national government's new proposal for a man-made forest belt, 100 miles wide and extending from the Canadian border to Mexico. \* \* \* Here is an example of national planning that seems wise and necessary. \* \* \* Government will serve best if it sticks to the fields for which it is best equipped, and which it has proved it can handle--the large, long range projects of immense national benefit. That is the sort of planning America requires. (824580)

## (3) A gigantic windbreak.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. STATE REGISTER. ID. 7/29. \* \* \* That nation-at-large, will be in full sympathy with the splendid features of this plan. Certainly any constructive project aimed at the permanent benefit and progression of this stricken area should have general endorsement and support. (824578)

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## (4) Tugwell on the stump.

INDIANAPOLIS STAR. IR. 8/2. \* \* \* So soon as Congress had abdicated in favor of the executive, the pledge of temporary reforms was forgotten. The brain trust openly boasted of its intention to establish a new social order. The President announced plans to build "on the wreckage of the past"--That "wreckage" which had brought America its greatest prosperity and comfort and lifted it to the peak of international leadership. (825316)

## (5) Tugwell statement arouses market ire.

NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 8/2. Reference to Mills' cut in production called misleading. (15188\*)

## (6) Tugwell unmasks industry.

NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 8/3. Utterances of Undersecy of Agri. Tugwell, stressing class antagonism and arraying agricultural interests against the other sectors of industry, will fortify his critics in their contention that he is unfitted for a responsible Government executive office. \* \* \* The whole tenor of Dr. Tugwell's speech was reprehensible,

but particular contentions were so wide of the mark that it is a matter of great surprise that an informed individual should have made them. (15205\*)

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(1) Cost of the AAA.

LAWRENCE MASS. TELEGRAM. R. 8/1. The Secy of Agri. is becoming seriously scared for the fate of his pet scheme--the AAA that is costing the people of the industrial areas of the country an extra billion dollars annually. \* \* \* It is certain that Mr. Wallace will not come to New England to voice the same sentiments he did in Louisiana. If he should come here and the chances are he will not during this congressional campaign, he will probably tell us that the adjustment scheme is only temporary, to assist the needy farmers of the nation. Although, in the South, he emphasized the fact that the act would be permanent as far as he and the Democrats were concerned. It was an excellent political speech for the district in which he was talking, but not favorably effective where the people live who are paying the burden. (825719)

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(2) Tomorrow.

UNITED STATES NEWS. 8/6. \* \* \* So the AAA next year will probably remove all restrictions on production and even pay bounties to stimulate expansion of forage crops and pastures. \* \* \* When the AAA ran up against this problem of sending to jail violators of fixed price provisions, they were realistic enough to abandon the idea of retail price fixing. They quickly understood that enforcement simply was impossible. \* \* \* Also, the AAA is fully aware that high food costs are going to bring a city outcry against processing taxes, which now are not understood and are accepted without much question. (15184\*)

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(3) Mr. Wallace's fixed idea.

PHILADELPHIA LEDGER. I. 7/31. \* \* \* With the terrible object lesson of the drought before them, Mr. Wallace need not be surprised if he finds his farmer friends apathetic toward his insistence on continued long-distance planning for agriculture. (824551)

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(4) Prosperity from droughts?

TUCSON, ARIZ. DAILY STAR. I. 7/27. It is with some surprise that the news comes from Washington that Secy Wallace is becoming worried about the great drought. \* \* \* Why does Mr. Wallace worry about the natural drought, yet blithely go ahead and continue the spread of his man-made drought? \* \* \* Perhaps after all wealth cannot be increased by deliberately destroying it. (824088)

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(5) Mr. Wallace in reverse.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. HERALD. I.R. 7/30. At any rate, Secy Wallace seems to be in constant travail trying to synchronize his schemes with the doings of Mother Nature. She seems to care nothing about the New Deal. (824091)

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## (1) Are two losses less than one?

CHICAGO NEWS. I. 7/27. Explaining how the AAA policy of destroying food has been vindicated by the drought which is now destroying more food, Secy Wallace says that the killing of the little pigs saved 50,000,000 bushels of corn. \* \* \* When men try to acquire credit for foresight by reasoning from hindsight, they invariably reason in a circle. A dog chasing his tail is funny, but not half as funny as a man making excuses for his own blunders. (824554)

## (2) Disquieted Washington.

BIRMINGHAM AGE HERALD. ID. 8/6. \* \* \* The drouth seems to have thrown the agricultural agency into a state of bewilderment and unsureness. \* \* \* As for the AAA there can be little doubt touching the uncomfortable position in which it has been placed by the drouth. Though its spokesmen talk confidently enough, their actions belie their words. (15189\*)

## (3) AAA to continue.

KANSAS CITY JOURNAL POST. I. 7/31. \* \* \* There are those who argue that the 1934 value of the AAA experiment has not been shown. \* \* \* If this had been a year of normal rainfall, there would have been a surplus of grain. The drouth is the only reason that the AAA program "worked". \* \* \* Admittedly, it would be difficult to abandon the AAA program, for once the government begins sending out checks to any class of citizens, it is politically dangerous to stop it. \* \* \* The fallacy underlying the AAA has been hidden by the drouth. Next year will probably enable the people of the United States to get a clearer view of this experiment and its cost to the country. (825178)

## (4) Transplanting farm folk.

NEW ORLEANS TIMES-PICAYUNE. ID. 7/30. \* \* \* While some of the farmers in the Dakotas may be ready to confess defeat and seek greener fields, the majority "are not ready to give up their homes or to admit the elements have defeated them". \* \* \* Rumors that the Government's plan contemplated forced transfer provoked, according to report, indignation and protest. (824562)

News Column

## (5) Farm group watches Cuba.

OMAHA WORLD-HERALD. I. 8/5. (Washington, AP) The American Farm Bureau Federation's attitude on reciprocal tariff treaties probably will be determined by the results of pending negotiations with Cuba. (15187\*)

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## (6) David Lawrence misstates AAA says Elton Lux.

LINCOLN STAR. I. 8/2. Denies farmer opposed to program or is harmed by it. (15192\*)

## (1) Breathing spell to save farm homes.

CAPPER'S WEEKLY. I. 8/4. The newly amended Federal bankruptcy act should prove a boon to hard-pressed farmers. \* \* \* At present 90 percent of the new farm loans are being made by Federal land banks. After the scare is over and when it is understood that new loans do not come under the Frazier-Lemke law, it is quite likely that private lending agencies will again enter the farm mortgage field. (15198\*)

## (2) Sales growth declared boon to fertilizers.

N.Y. WORLD TELEGRAM. I. 8/3. (Albert K. Ettlinger) Based on sales figures, already known, and other factors in their situation, it is estimated that all of the important units operating in this industry will show substantial gains in profits for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1934. (15193\*)

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## (3) Stockmen bitterly denounce Tugwell's policies.

DENVER POST. I. 7/21. \* \* \* Twenty-five prominent stockmen, from seventeen states and representing the American National Livestock Assn, threw a brick, figuratively speaking, at Prof. Rexford G. Tugwell, No. 1 "brain trust" and Undersecy of the Dept. of Agri., at an executive conference. (15208\*)

## (4) Robey's Review

WASHINGTON POST. I. 8/3. Tugwell's defense of the agricultural program has the weakness of being based upon an inaccurate statement of facts. \* \* \* When Mr. Tugwell tries to justify the AAA on the basis that it is following the same policies industry has used in the past, accordingly, he is dealing in myths. The curtailment in industry always has had the effect of eliminating the more inefficient producers. The AAA scarcely could be better designed to assure that there will be no such elimination. \* \* \* Such errors do not afford a strong basis for a case in support of the AAA. (203803)

## (5) Drought shatters farm program, proves value California irrigation.

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE. R. 7/27. (Paul C. Smith) State districts likely to reap untold benefits from Middle Western ruin; entire price trend faces reversal. Ballyhooed administrators and highly publicized brain trusters, just men after all, get to be "great guys" at times, but old mother nature is no slouch herself. \* \* \* Nature has dealt a crushing blow to "the breadbasket of America" and the stagger has knocked the New Deal's farm program into a cocked hat. This is no gloat, but an observation of existing fact. (15199\*)

## (6) U. S. drought relief is declared 'joke'.

WASHINGTON STAR. I. 7/31. (Oklahoma City, AP) Efforts declared wrapped with red tape at Oklahoma political rally. \* \* \* "Why the whole thing seems to be a joke. The people who really need it have difficulty in getting aid." (202118)

## (1) Federal farm control is hit by superstition

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE. IR. 7/31. (David Lawrence) Farmers voice belief drought punishment for killing hogs. \* \* \* The trouble with the farm program is that it was based on the notion that curtailed production would mean higher prices for the farmers and that the public would gladly absorb the increased living costs. But when the prices of meat at retail get too high the people eat something else. Had there been no processing taxes it is believed that the live stock producer might have had just as high prices, but he would have had his money sooner. Today, he must wait for Government checks. Red tape is slowing up the payments and meanwhile the prices of things the farmer buys are going up. The theory that all these processing taxes will be largely absorbed by the middleman is rapidly being proved fallacious. (15190\*)

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## C O T T O N

Editorial

## (2) Germany wants our cotton.

DALLAS MORNING NEWS. ID. 8/2. Writing from Berlin, Victor Schoffel-mayer, agricultural editor of THE NEWS, states that Germany wants Texas cotton, but that "it is evident that from now on official Germany will use American cotton imports as a bargaining club." (15194\*)

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## (3) Try another year.

TERRE HAUTE, IND. TRIBUNE. D. 7/30. \* \* \* Nothing would be gained by deserting the Bankhead plan when the machinery for its operation has just begun to function. (825177)

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## (4) The Bankhead Law.

FT. SMITH, ARK. AMERICAN. D. 7/28. \* \* \* Excellent argument against its suspension is presented by G. C. Henry, manager of the Mid-South Cotton Growers Cooperation Assn, in an address in Little Rock. \* \* \* Although we have never liked the principle of the Bankhead law, we agree with Mr. Henry that its suspension at this time would be an injustice. (823990)

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## (5) Bankhead act suspension.

DALLAS MORNING NEWS. ID. 8/2. It is reported from Washington that Texas farmers, bankers and business men are petitioning for abandonment of the Bankhead Act on account of the ravages of the drouth. In doing so they merely furnish another example of the kind of hysterical illogic that grips the public in face of any sort of crisis. \* \* \* There is a still greater reason for going through the season under the Bankhead Act than can be found in the selfish interest of Texas cotton growers. The Bankhead plan has been given its chance and it ought to be made to stand or fall on its own merits. The fact that the circumstances are exceptional in no way detracts from the opportunity for success. The drouth rather adds to the opportunity. Much

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has been spent on the experiment. We should go ahead and learn at least as much as can be learned from one season's fair trial. (15195\*)

News Column

(1) Sales of U. S. cotton feared by trade.

N. Y. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 8/3. Prospects of Government liquidation of 1,950,000 bales of cotton from the cotton pool, which are now available for sale at the discretion of the Secy. of Agri. and of Oscar Johnston, manager of the pool, have had the effect the past few days of unsettling both speculative and trade interests in this market. Government statement on no immediate deals fails to reassure. (203777)

News Column - Pro

(2) Voiding Bankhead Measure opposed.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. GAZETTE. ID. 7/27. C. G. Henry, cotton co-op official, urges farmers to comply. (201712)

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(3) Milk prices.

WASHINGTON TIMES. I. 8/3. Consumption below normal. \* \* \* It would be well for the distributors for their own sake, to put on their thinking caps and find a way to avoid the threatened increase in price to the consumer. Otherwise the milk market in Washington will be further deflated. (825601)

(4) Those Western cattle.

SAVANNAH, GA. NEWS. I. 8/2. \* \* \* The drought is producing more marked changes in the livestock and meat situation in the country then all the expedients thought up by the AAA. (825297)

(5) Government as meat canner.

INDIANAPOLIS STAR. IR. 7/19. \* \* \* The farmer is without livestock and probably will have to pay high prices to replenish his supply, as a result of the shortage that is being created. \* \* \* The packers who are providing the regular market for livestock from all parts of the country are certain to feel the effect of the governmental competition. The cattle canned by the alphabetical agencies may be distributed to the poor, as planned, but that means it will take the place of meat that ordinarily would be bought in the regular way. It is government competition with private industry even with the charity sugar coating. (15204\*)

News Column

(1) Start thirty-day Swiss cheese holiday.

MADISON, WIS. CAPITAL TIMES. I. 8/1. (Monroe, Wis.) 90 per cent of factories closed. See market surplus removed. (204135)

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C O R N - H O GNews Column

(2) Direct buying of hogs is hurting central markets.

KANSAS CITY JOURNAL-POST. I. 8/1. (St. Joseph) Commission men are working for government intervention. \* \* \* "Most of the trouble can be traced to Iowa, the largest hog producing state in the Union. There at least 70 per cent of all hogs raised are handled through direct buyers. The so-called interior packers in that state are enabled to stay off the market until the price suits them and then buy select hogs at prices well below those at central markets. (204942)

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News Column - Pro

(3) Contracts roll in.

WALLACE'S FARMER. 3/3. Corn belt farmers are lining up for corn-hog production control by big majorities in the major corn and hog states of the Midwest. (15186\*)

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(4) Rising international wheat prices.

N.Y. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 7/20. Any doubt that may have been left as to the world-wide reduction of grain supplies has been removed during the past few days by price increases that have taken place on the Liverpool wheat market. (15203\*)

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News Column - Pro

(5) Tobacco growers see new deal for selves in AAA programme.

LOUISVILLE COURIER-JOURNAL. I. 7/22. (Lexington, AP) Kentucky weed producers confident crop reduction plan will prove beneficial. Thanks to the AAA, Kentucky's tobacco growers are looking forward this year to the start of a "new deal" for those who raise the State's principal money crop. (15206\*)

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(1) Sugar act protested.

WASHINGTON STAR. I. 7/31. (Honolulu, AP) The Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Assn announced it would make public its plans to combat in the courts the Jones-Costigan sugar control act. \* \* \* During President Roosevelt's visit several firms which handle the bulk of the island's sugar business were among the notable few which did not decorate their buildings for the occasion. (201724)

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AAA - AGRICULTURE GENERAL

Editorials

(1) Food.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL. PANTAGRAPH. IR. 8/13. (Paul Mallon) The AAA crowd is inwardly fearful that the country may get stirred up about a food shortage. They have decided to stress publicly, in every possible way, their belief that there will be plenty of food to go around, despite the drought. \* \* \* There will be shortages in production of certain basic foods, such as wheat and corn, and to a lesser extent in meats. Profiteers may use this condition as an excuse to get operating again for the first time since the war. If they do, the AAA has adequate powers to take the situation in hand. It will. (15243\*)

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(2) Foreign trade balance.

TERRE HAUTE, IND. TRIBUNE. D. 8/7. \* \* \* We need larger imports to restore our foreign trade balance and make happier our foreign trade relations. Will these things come about from the drought, and will they compensate this nation for the high domestic prices of food? The question is passed on to the experts. (827491)

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(3) Disappearing wealth.

DALLAS, TEX. TIMES HERALD. ID. 8/1. \* \* \* This tremendous wealth of land capable of producing food enough for the nation, has gone down rivers and creeks to the sea, and is irretrievably lost. And the erosive process is still going on. (825849)

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(4) The new forest area.

ATLANTA, GA. CONSTITUTION. D. 8/3. \* \* \* America is so large and so richly endowed with natural resources that we have neglected the commonsense precaution that nations of smaller area have followed for centuries. Most of the countries of Europe require by law that when a tree is cut down, another must be planted to take its place. Having squandered our forest wealth so lavishly, we must now undertake a replacement program on a scale never before known anywhere in the world. (825843)

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(5) Canada's tree project.

FARGO, N. D. FORUM. IR. 8/4. Rather interesting in view of the Administration's decision to go forward with an extensive shelterbelt project is the fact that Canada is likewise entering upon a tree planting experiment. \* \* \* In discussing this Canadian project, the MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL gives some of the details. "A Saskatchewan commission proposes that strips of trees be planted ten rods wide, running both east and west and north and south, midway of each section." (826221)

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Editorials - Pro

(1) Roosevelt their idol.

SHEBOYGAN, WIS. PRESS. I. 8/7. \* \* \* We are mighty happy to see the President going through the sections of the country where drought conditions are at their worst, because he will set the wheels in motion for action and that will be gratifying to farmers everywhere. (827493)

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(2) The Forum, by our readers.

SALT LAKE TRIBUNE. I. 8/12. In his Green Bay, Wis., speech, President Roosevelt answered his hide-bound, plutocratic critics fully and for all time. These reactionaires have kept up a continuous yapping that the Roosevelt policies "destroy confidence". The "confidence" they wish is freedom to annex unearned and unlimited profits--profits secured through undue advantage--profits that leave in their wake a wave of human poverty and suffering. (15223\*)

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(3) Farm indebtedness.

WACO, TEX. NEWS-TRIBUNE. D. 8/7. \* \* \* There has not been an administration in the history of the Republic where the farmer has been given as complete a recognition as he has since Herbert Hoover handed over the reins of Government to Franklin D. Roosevelt. (827482)

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(4) Farm debt adjustments.

MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE. I. 8/7. Debt-burdened agriculture, having wallowed through half a decade of foreclosures, tax sales and privation, at last begins to show increasing promise of stabilizing its disordered finances and becoming, if not prosperous, then at least self-supporting. (14232\*)

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(5) A notable conference.

RENO, NEV. JOURNAL. D. 8/1. Beginning today, Reno will be the host to a notable gathering in the annual western regional conference of the American Farm Bureau Federation, meeting for four days at the University of Nevada. \* \* \* These conferences are of the utmost value as reports will be given of agricultural conditions in the various western states, and the working out of remedial programs, and will make for greater coordinated efforts. (825856)

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(6) Booming agriculture.

ATLANTA, GA. CONSTITUTION. D. 8/12. Basing conclusions on the age-old saying, "all wealth comes from the soil," Georgia and surrounding southeastern states have turned that corner where Prosperity has been said to be hiding for so long a period. \* \* \* The Southeast is fortunate that it is better off than other portions of the country. We have undergone hardship as the result of big crops. Now smaller crops will bring us prosperity. The wise course for the future is clearly indicated by our experience of the past five years. (827931)

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## (1) Politics, greed, menace AAA!

SIOUX CITY, IA. TRIBUNE. I. 8/6. \* \* \* It is a story of high politics, low politics, bureaucratic intrigue, departmental jealousies, face saving by Governmental statisticians and, behind it all, there lurks the sinister influence of the industrial tariff plunderbund bent upon wrecking AAA, undermining Henry Wallace by fair means or foul and destroying President Roosevelt and his New Deal! Shrewd minds are at work these days to discredit the AAA and divide farmers into opposing groups and deprive them of the benefits of the first real tariff agriculture ever had. It is an old, old political game and one which the farmers have always fallen for in times past. (826926)

## (2) Southeast scores again.

ASHEVILLE, N. C. CITIZEN TIMES. D. 8/5. When the Government decided to ship cattle from the drought stricken areas of the West it turned its attention first upon the fertile fields of the Southeast. Does this action presage the development of another major industry for the South? \* \* \* The Government doubtless, undertook this shipment as an emergency proposition, but in view of the oft-recurring droughts in the West, it is likely that many large cattlemen will cast their eyes enviously toward the South-Atlantic seaboard where copious rainfall may almost always be confidently expected. A great Southern livestock industry would add millions to the wealth of the region and through soil improvement make of the Southeast a veritable garden spot. (826239)

## (3) People or plunder?

OREGON JOURNAL. R. 8/12. "The farmer has suffered rather than benefitted from the recovery activities." Such is a statement made by the Republican national chairman in a speech before the Illinois state convention at Springfield. It will be an amazing announcement to thousands of farmers in Oregon and in every other farm state. \* \* \* Meanwhile the Oregon Republican state committee backs up Old Guard Chairman Fletcher with its howl of "Back to the Constitution" which means that it is unconstitutional for President Roosevelt to wish to "place men, women and children first" and seek for them a home and a chance to live in it and to afford them security in that home and for old age. (15239\*)

## (4) Trees.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA. NEWS. D. 8/2. One of the most important and promising aspects of the national planning now being undertaken by the Federal Government is the program calling for the planting of a great tree belt stretching from Canada to Texas. \* \* \* It is reassuring to know that the Federal Government is now seriously engaged in repairing the damages wrought by our enterprising ancestors. (825219)

## Editorials - Con

## (5) Skeptical farmers.

WASHINGTON POST. I. 8/8. \* \* \* The instinctive distrust of bureaucratic planning characteristic of farmers has been so heightened in the drought areas as sharply to discredit AAA policies. (826925)

## (1) Cooperatives and the AAA.

MO. FARM BUREAU NEWS. 7/20. (Jefferson City) Even discounting the headlines in the Metropolitan press, which would naturally play up opposition to the AAA and other phases of the New Deal, it is evident that there is much dissatisfaction among cooperatives with their place in the sun under the present dispensation. That dissatisfaction was very evident and very vocal in the sessions of the American Institute of Cooperation. The most persistent criticism and, one suspects, the crux of the whole subject so far as the cooperatives are concerned, is the fact that these organizations have not been officially recognized in the administration of the AAA program. (15215\*)

## (2) Drought and superstition.

LOS ANGELES POST. I. 7/31. \* \* \* The Government officials may in time become superstitious--at least to the extent of believing that something happens to governments and administrations that endeavor to repeal natural laws. (826238)

## (3) Britain pays farmers to grow wheat; we do opposite.

PATERSON, N. J. CALL. R. 8/6. \* \* \* While the AAA is encouraging farmers to reduce their acreage, paying them for wheat they do not grow, and charging the cost to the consumer of bread and flour, Great Britain is stimulating wheat production in England. The result is that the English farmer benefits by any increase in price which may come from acreage reduction in the United States, while our own farmers and consumers are holding the bag. (826452)

## (4) Secret tariff hearings.

WASHINGTON HERALD. I. 8/4. The hearings now being conducted in Washington on the proposed tariff treaties with Cuba and other countries are clothed with some secrecy and some mystery which are not in the best interest of democracy and not in the best interest of satisfactory judgment in the matters. (15226\*)

## (5) Economy of abundance? No!

SYRACUSE, N. Y. POST STANDARD. R. 8/4. A sensation was caused by the Darrow report attacking the NRA, but wait 'til the next one comes along. It is fathered by an agency, a Government agency with the impressive title of National Survey of Potential Product Capacity. \* \* \* And its findings, will cause Secy Wallace and his cohorts who have been paying farmers to reduce production no end of explanations. There is, it finds, no economy of abundance. (825972)

## (6) It hurts city families.

SYRACUSE, N. Y. POST STANDARD. R. 8/5. The AAA levies a heavy tax, regardless of those who try to evade the fact. It takes money out of the pockets of those who can ill afford it, in the name of farm relief. It takes money out of the pockets of hard-pressed city families, in Syracuse, in

New York, Philadelphia, Rochester and every other city in the country. \* \* \* If it returned equal benefits to those who pay for it, there would be no reason for criticism. But it does not. (825969)

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(1) Synthetic prosperity.

PHILADELPHIA EVENING BULLETIN. IR. 7/25. David Lawrence uses the phrase, "the belief that Government spending is developing a synthetic prosperity." \* \* \* The phrase is interestingly suggestive in its reminder that a considerable share of present prosperity, or recovery, is of artificial or synthetic character, made by the manipulation of Government funds, which are drawn from the product of natural prosperity, or what is left of it, by Government powers of taxation. (15231\*)

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(2) The farmer's turn.

ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS. I. 8/2. The rise in agricultural prices foreseen as a consequence of drought will bring down upon the AAA criticismsthat its own program would have earned for it sooner or later had not nature intervened to hasten a relative scarcity of many farm commodities. \* \* \* There may be room to criticize an economic system that must rely upon the clumsy and inaccurate influences of scarcity to call forth the price at which goods may be profitably produced. (15224\*)

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(3) Tugwell's hymn of hate.

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. R. 8/2. Rarely has a public official more brazenly misrepresented facts and more recklessly appealed to class hatred than did Dr. Tugwell in his broadcast attack on those who question the infallibility and omniscience of the framers of the Dept. of Agriculture's policies. (15220\*)

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(4) "Shelter belt" maintenance.

INDIANAPOLIS STAR. IR. 8/5. The President's plan to spend \$75,000,000 of public funds on a "shelter belt" of trees would be only the beginning of an endless bill of expense to the taxpayers. (827061)

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News Columns

(5) See power in farm merger.

MILWAUKEE, WIS. SENTINEL. I. 8/6. (Madison, Wis.) Consolidation of the Wisconsin Farmers' Union and the Wisconsin Society of Equity into a giant organization of 50,000 farmers is expected to be completed this week. \* \* \* There is a spreading among farmers of the state a desire to organize into one powerful group, consolidating their interests in these times of drought, farm foreclosure and overproduction of farm products. (206736)

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(1) Stockyard strike in Chicago spreads to packing plants.  
NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 8/1. (Chicago) 400 men walk out at Burnette concern and others are ordered to follow. (15217\*)

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(2) Farm tool prices may go up this fall.  
N. Y. WALL ST. JOURNAL. 8/11. (Chicago) Industry now struggling with 20 percent material-labor cost rise on only 8 1/2 percent price boost. (208492)

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News Columns - Pro

(3) Slash pines may produce a new South.  
NEW YORK POST. I. 8/11. Newsprint from young trees makes Canada take notice. (208777)

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(4) Small farms plan praised by Harriman.  
DES MOINES REGISTER. IR. 7/30. (Wash. AP) H. I. Harriman, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, described the Administration's subsistence homestead experimentation as "the most fundamental and far reaching movement under way today." (15221\*)

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(5) \$100,000,000 farms saved.  
WASHINGTON POST. I. 8/6. \* \* \* Adjustment of more than \$100,000,000 in farmers' debts was attributed to the county committees by the Farm Credit Administrations, according to the Associated Press. Reports from farm debt adjustment committees, in 2,400 counties of 42 States, or 90 percent of the Nation's agricultural counties, indicated their belief that success in adjusting debts between creditors and debtors had made unnecessary in most cases that farmers resort to bankruptcy under the Frazier-Lemke mortgage moratorium law. (208013)

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(6) U. S. prepares to stamp out drought profiteers.  
CHICAGO JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 8/13. (Harry W. Sharpe, Wash.) The profiteers who levy on the public in times of disaster will feel the grind of the Government's heel if they use the great western drouth as a pretext for swelling their income. (15240\*)

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(7) Farmers hear new farm act lauded.  
RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH. ID. 8/15. (Staunton, Va.) The President of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation characterized the AAA as "the most important piece of legislation ever enacted in behalf of agriculture." (15242\*)

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(8) Huge gain seen in farm prices.  
WASHINGTON STAR. I. 8/6. (Chicago, AP) Four staples at Chicago average 21 percent above year ago. (15244\*)

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(1) AAA agreements are given praise by Landsborough.

SACRAMENTO, CAL. BEE. I. 8/2. Praise for the AAA agreements which have controlled the shipments of fruit into the markets of the country, prevented gluts and increased the profits to the growers, was expressed by the President of Sgobel & Day, Inc., nationwide shippers of fruits and vegetables. (207062)

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News Columns - Con

(2) Farm Bureau heads hit at "dole" system.

ILLINOIS STATE JOURNAL. R. 8/11. (Chicago AP) Directors of the American Farm Bureau Federation urged curtailment of the present system of unemployment relief in the United States and condemned "what appears to be a fast developing dole system." (15237\*)

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(3) Inconsistencies of men and principles have retarded progress of recovery.

WASHINGTON HERALD. I. 7/28. (Merryle S. Rukeyser) Flirtation with long term reforms and faulty coordination of NRA and farm aid also criticized. (15228\*)

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(4) Farm features of new deal hit by Grange head.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN. POST. I. 8/5. (Westport) \* \* \* In rapping the agricultural features of the new deal as "costly experiments", Charles M. Gardner of Springfield, Mass., official of the Grange in the United States, urged Grangers to "cooperate in a practical way, to put selfishness and suspicion aside, put yourselves under a bond of confidence in each other and build the all-around structure that you want." (206293)

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(5) Federal forest plans opposed.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA. AGE HERALD. D. 8/8. Georgia official asserts U. S. ownership danger to paper industry. (209683)

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(6) Magazine with Tugwell on staff accused of inciting class feeling.

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. R. 8/2. Mark Sullivan quotes "New Republic", says membership of a Federal official in such a group makes him think of Russia. (15238\*)

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(7) Change in new deal fallacies urged as means to recovery.

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. R. 7/26. Mark Sullivan points to numerous mistakes in policy as checks upon progress; many leaders found to favor revision. (15234\*)

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(8) Child nomads on farms balk reform by U. S.

N. Y. WORLD TELEGRAM. I. 8/7. (Wash. UP) Hordes of young workers swing labor evils to rural areas. NRA's curb on child labor has been seriously crippled by the employment of small children on commercial farms, the United Press learned. (207052)

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(1) Charges AAA makes serfs of farmers.

CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE. IR. 7/30. Scorching criticism is directed at the AAA in the current issue of "The Agricultural Situation" published six times a year by the Corn Belt Farm Dailies. (15218\*)

DROUGHT AND SHIFTING OF FARM POPULATION

Editorials

(2) No compulsion in farm shift.

KANSAS CITY STAR. I. 7/30. \* \* \* It is quite possible that many of these farmers could improve their condition by moving out. However, this should be a voluntary action. (826227)

(3) Moving populations.

FARGO, N. D. FORUM. IR. 8/2. \* \* \* It is going to be one of the toughest problems ever faced and it should be approached with the utmost caution, and undertaken only after a most thorough investigation of all of the factors involved. (826686)

(4) Be it ever so humble.

HOLLYWOOD, CAL. CITIZEN NEWS. I. 7/31. \* \* \* But planning to move the farmers and moving them are different things. To many, regardless of the poverty, the hardships and the discouragements they had endured, their little farms are their homes and they declined to move. (825847)

Editorials - Pro

(5) Farming in Alaska.

SIOUX CITY, IA. JOURNAL. IR. 8/8. \* \* \* The suggestion that some 2,500 families from drought regions be taken to the Matanuska Valley to form a colony under the supervision of the Federal Government is a valuable one. (826682)

(6) Somebody's gone off half-cocked.

DES MOINES REGISTER. I. 7/29. There is apparently going to be a lot of blather and nonsense, from tongues official and otherwise, about the proposal to move bankrupt and foodless farmers on submarginal lands to more productive areas. \* \* \* If the officials of states with large submarginal areas will just pass up the oratory for a while and indulge in a little enlightened cooperation, it may be possible to improve the circumstances of at least a few of their rural paupers. (826228)

(7) Aiding drought victims.

HOUSTON, TEX. POST. ID. 8/8. \* \* \* In making provision for drought sufferers last spring the President showed characteristic foresight and he acted with his usual vigor. In that again he demonstrated that he is the

leader in whom the Nation can afford to put its trust. (828049)

(1) Misplaced population.

ATLANTA, GA. CONSTITUTION. D. 8/8. \* \* \* The Federal Government can undertake no project more designed to benefit a vitally important class of our citizens, and consequently improve the economic condition of the country generally, than to back a movement to transfer the farmers of the bleak and arid sections of the Northwest to lands better suited by nature to farming. (827492)

(2) Alaska the new Arcadia?

E. ST. LOUIS JOURNAL. I. 8/2. How would you like to live in Alaska? It may be the government will give you a chance to do so, if you are out of a job, or if the drought has taken your crops and reduced you to penury. Colonization of fertile Alaska valleys by drought-stricken Midwestern families is being considered by the Federal Emergency Relief Administration. \* \* \* It may be possible to make Arcadia out of Alaska, but all those from Missouri will have to be shown. (826245)

Editorial - Con

(3) Dr. Tugwell returns to the wars.

PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER. I. 8/2. Contrary to Dr. Tugwell's opinion, even New Deal critics will agree that the drought is a great national disaster and that everything possible should be done by the Government to alleviate the suffering of the victims. But these same critics still may insist that the great farm problem is not over-production but faulty distribution. (15227\*)

DAIRY, LIVESTOCK, PACKERS

Editorial

(4) Watch price of milk.

WASHINGTON TIMES. I. 8/7. \* \* \* It is not high prices and low consumption that the milk people must encourage, but increased consumption at reasonable prices. (825962)

Editorial - Pro

(5) Grazing problems.

RENO, NEV. JOURNAL. D. 8/2. One of the most important steps to be taken by the Dept. of Agri. looking to the stability of the livestock industry through betterment of forage conditions is to be the establishment of a grazing experiment station in the foothills of California. (825855)

## (1) AAA, Packers plan to break meat blockade.

WASHINGTON POST. I. 8/5. (Robert C. Albright) Moving to break the blockade of meat now holding up drought relief operations, a committee of packers concurred with the Government on a plan to process 5,000,000 more head of cattle and 2,000,000 to 5,000,000 sheep now facing slow death in the drought regions. (204936)

## (2) Load on consumer.

KANSAS CITY STAR. I. 7/30. Packers couldn't start to pay the 200-million-dollar pork processing tax. (David Lawrence.) (15219\*)

## (3) Tanners seek U. S. loan to aid hide control.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE. I. 8/5. Hide tanners will hold simultaneous meetings in Chicago and Boston to discuss plans for a \$10,000,000 holding corporation, financed with Federal easy money, which will attempt to hold off the market several million hides accumulated from the government's cattle kill. (204934)

## C O T T O N

Editorials - Con

## (4) The agricultural "X".

RICHMOND, VA. NEWS LEADER. D. 8/9. The startling estimate of the cotton crop--9,195,000 bales, much below the most bearish calculation--illustrates once more the extreme difficulty of any such system of controlled production as is contemplated by AAA. (827917)

## (5) The South is sick of the Bankhead law.

GALVESTON, TEX. NEWS. ID. 8/4. Pressure from the South to have President Roosevelt suspend the Bankhead cotton control law grows stronger daily as continued drought assures the smallest cotton crop produced in the United States since 1905. \* \* \* The world position of American cotton will be more apparent when this year's crop is harvested. (826453)

## (6) Another cotton plan.

HOUSTON, TEX. POST. ID. 8/4. The cotton-growing South is convinced that crop curtailment, as embodied in the Bankhead bill, is not the way to reach economic salvation. \* \* \* So, with considerable interest a new plan for stabilizing the cotton industry, which does not call for acreage reduction but which probably will result in an increase, is being studied throughout the South. The plan is being advanced by J. E. McDonald, Texas Commissioner of Agriculture, who intends to submit it to Congress next year. It calls for unlimited planting of agricultural products, including cotton, but allotment of only a portion of the crop to the American market, thereby leaving a surplus for export. \* \* \* The plan not only has the endorsement of a large number of farmers to whom it has been explained, but also the support of cotton merchants interested in maintaining America's world cotton markets. (825964)

(1) The Bankhead bill.

HOUSTON, TEX. POST. ID. 8/2. Victor Schoffelmayer, a citizen of Texas, thus writes from Berlin to the DALLAS NEWS: "There is not the slightest doubt that competitive countries are leaving no stone unturned to capture the Texas cotton market wherever possible. The greatest opportunity for cutting in on the Texas and American cotton trade in general came when the AAA began its campaign for reduction of the American cotton crop. If this campaign goes on indefinitely, it may cost Texas and the South hundreds of millions of dollars annually. Germany, however, must be able to sell her products abroad in order to obtain American cotton or turn to competitive growths. German textile men and economists with whom the writer has discussed this phase of the cotton situation cannot restrain their wonderment over the Bankhead bill and the drastic reduction in the South's cotton acreage. \* \* \* The constitutionality of the measure is yet to be passed on by the Supreme Court of the United States assuming that it will eventually get before that body on appeal. (825835)

### News Column- Con

(2) Mercerizers press fight for AAA tax on rayons.

N. Y. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 8/8. (Philadelphia) Spinners and mercerizers deny they have abandoned their long fight to have the AAA impose a compensatory tax on rayon. (206287)

## W H E A T

## Editorials

(3) Supply and demand law still operates in wheat.

ALLENSTOWN, PA. CALL. I. 8/6. Canada may save the day for the world for its crop is harvested much later than that in the drought areas of the United States. But the prospects of higher prices for wheat seem almost certain, based upon that immutable law of supply and demand. (826450)

#### (4) How Germany does it.

TOPEKA, KANS. CAPITAL. R. 8/3. On July 16 the German Government took over complete control of the handling and processing of grain and grain products. By the terms of a law dated June 27, the Ministry of Agriculture in Germany was authorized to exercise a monopoly over the marketing and processing of grain and grain products. \* \* \* This news, which seems to be entirely authentic, shows two things: one is that German farmers are regimented to an extent that is not equaled anywhere else except perhaps in Russia and the other thing is that the German feed and grain situation is exceedingly serious. (826708)

### Editorials - Con

(5) Grain outlook alarming.

SAVANNAH, GA. NEWS. I. 8/4. Grain experts predict a national disaster without parallel in American agriculture, according to reports from Chicago. (825960)

## (1) Columbia project vs. wheat acreage cut.

SIOUX FALLS ARGUS LEADER. IR. 8/2. \* \* \* A major result of the Columbia project will be the creation of a vast wheat-producing area. Secy Wallace, however, is working now on a plan to curtail the wheat acreage in the United States. To the average mentality, the Columbia project and the wheat reduction plan seem wholly out of harmony. If President Roosevelt and Secy Wallace can explain the two to the logical satisfaction of everyone, they will have accomplished a rare task. (826226)

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## (2) Trimming the farmer again.

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL. I. 7/25. With the Nation suffering renewed drought and a burning sun, and further decline in crop yields, the Chicago grain market wavers. The ostensible reason is the report that somebody had seen a cloud or two over Nebraska and the Dakotas. That is supposed to create a jittery market. But, of course, such a flimsy weather report is not the real reason for the market's behavior. The real cause of sluggish prices is the same old gambling situation. Millions of bushels of wheat--forty millions by one firm alone--have been hedged in the futures market. These hedging have not been fully digested in the trade channels, hence the market weakness. Until they are absorbed, the bears hold a strategic position. (15229\*)

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## (3) Lets wheat rot to keep within Federal limit.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE. I. 8/8. How good wheat is left in the field to rot in a year when the crop will fall far below domestic requirements is one of the quirks of "planned agriculture" reported from Greensburg, Ind. (206288)

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T O B A C C OEditorials - Pro

## (4) Golden weed prices double.

SAVANNAH, GA. NEWS. I. 8/4. By far the most joyful news of the week in South Georgia comes from the fifteen tobacco markets, which report that bright leaf/tobacco growers are receiving approximately twice as much money from the first sales of this year's crop as they received from last year's yield. (825959)

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## (5) Tobacco reaches parity.

ATLANTA, GA. CONSTITUTION. D. 8/8. \* \* \* Genuine prosperity has returned to the tobacco-growing sections of Georgia and Florida simply as a result of the producers having operated on a scale in keeping with the laws of supply and demand. The same benefits will come to the producers of every other type of agricultural product if they will adopt the same wise course. (827416)

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## (1) Tobacco prices higher.

ASHEVILLE, N. C. CITIZEN TIMES. D. 8/5. Tobacco farmers of Western North Carolina may glean a ray of hope from news that prices on the South Georgia markets on the opening day averaged ten cents a pound higher than last year. \* \* \* Better prices would be extremely heartening to the farmers of this section and would aid in the economic struggle upward. (825958)

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## (2) Tobacco brings better prices.

SAVANNAH, GA. NEWS. I. 8/5. Farmers of the flue-cured tobacco belt in South Georgia and Florida were counting cash received during the week's tobacco sales and found they had approximately twice as much as they received for the same amount of leaf last year. (205544)

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Editorials

(1) Agriculture's need.

BISMARCK TRIBUNE. IR. 8/14. An agricultural statesmanship that will help, not only to solve the scientific problems of production and the economic problems of distribution, but to create a finer and fairer social order throughout rural America, is the present need of agriculture. \* \* \* Who can say that an agricultural statesmanship of an effective order will not come forth from the intensive study of farm problems inspired by the plight of the wheat, cotton and corn growers. (15240\*)

(2) But will it?

CHARLOTTE, N. C. OBSERVER. ID. 8/13. \* \* \* The self-Government which would be intelligent enough to gauge any production either of field or factory, to the normal market demands, is preferable, to be sure, to compulsory edicts from Washington, but in the absence of the more admirable method, it is vital that the less attractive should not be withdrawn. (828988)

(3) The land disaster.

BINGHAMTON, N.Y. SUN. R. 8/10. \* \* \* There need be no more artificial limitation now of staple foodstuffs. Nature herself takes care of crop surplus. But there will be all the heavier demand on government and private relief for the stricken areas, and their affliction will be shared directly or indirectly by the whole nation. (828538)

(4) Wallace cautions farmers.

SAVANNAH, GA. NEWS. I. 8/13. \* \* \* The doctrine of diversification of crops has long been preached and it would seem that adoption of this policy was never more important than it is today. Georgia farmers can insure themselves against "destitution" by making their farms self-sustaining instead of relying entirely on one crop to keep the wolf from the door. (829622)

(5) Mortgage moratoriums.

JACKSON, MISS. NEWS. D. 8/12. \* \* \* Don't foreclose any Federal Land Bank mortgages in this state where the farm owner is making an earnest effort to keep going. It will be akin to sowing the teeth of dragons. (829893)

(6) Surplus acres.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 8/17. Cato the Elder, who never wound up a speech without destroying Carthage, did not hammer more consistently at a single favorite theme than does Secy Wallace. \* \* \* In the face of an apparent surplus of many types of goods and the fear of "foreign competition" which handicaps any effort to break down present barriers to trade, the problem of those who wish to reform the American tariff system is to demonstrate that foreign competition also means the recovery of foreign markets to American export trade. In his efforts to clinch this point Mr. Wallace is a tireless campaigner. (830634)

## (1) World tied up in tariff knots.

CHICAGO DAILY NEWS. I. 8/6. (David Lawrence) \*\*\* There is going on today, an economic war unparalleled in the history of civilization. \*\*\* A return to peaceful political conditions, a spirit of give and take in commerce, and a realization that economic warfare leads only to human suffering, must come if the tide of world affairs is to turn. (15249\*)

## (2) AAA bearing brunt of heavy political bombardment.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 7/31. (By Arthur Krock) \*\*\* The argument, with the benefit checks and the New Dealers on one side, the regular Republicans on the other, will be fought out this Fall in the farming areas. These the President is deeply anxious to hold behind this Government, forecasting a new political alignment in this country that may change labels as well as sectional alliances. The AAA is in the front line, and that is why the political bombardment is being trained upon it. (15268\*)

## (3) The new deal in Canada.

WASHINGTON POST. I. 8/22. Canada's struggle against depression has been given less attention in this country than would be the case were we less preoccupied with our own problems. \*\*\* The Dominion Marketing Board, set up to control the output of natural products except minerals, has points of similarity with both the NRA and the AAA. \*\*\* Moreover, Canadian authorities have done their share of probing and investigating. Numerous abuses have been exposed. \*\*\* However, in Canada these sweeping reforms have been sponsored by the Conservative party against the opposition of the Liberals. In the United States those in power call themselves liberals and denounce the opposition as conservatives. The need for discrimination in current political nomenclature has seldom been more cogently illustrated. (15282\*)

## (4) Drought may force extra session.

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL. I. 8/14. Word that the drought may necessitate a special session of Congress is no great surprise. (830708)

## (5) One feeble weapon.

PORTLAND, ME. NEWS. I. 8/13. \*\*\* And just as the man with the axe conquered the first great wilderness, so the reforestation expert soon may be called upon to conquer the new and rapidly growing wilderness now threatening to burn the agricultural heart out of our nation. (831196)

## (6) The Western tree belt.

MANCHESTER, N. H. LEADER. I. 8/15. \*\*\* The fact is, of course, that a good deal of the land requiring a tree belt never should have been farmed in the first place. Nature did not intend it for such purposes, and nature has a way of enforcing its own intentions, as it has evidenced this year. (830240)

## (1) China, a lesson to America.

DAVENPORT, IA. TIMES. IR. 8/13. \* \* \* China warns of the consequences of soil impoverishment and of a lack of subsoil moisture. \* \* \* The widespread havoc of the drought has made our country water conscious. Whatever the cost of the vast engineering works necessary to impound the excess water of the Northwest and permit it to flow leisurely toward the sea, it will prove one of the greatest of our national economies if it averts in future the colossal losses wide areas have suffered this year. (830304)

## (2) The marginal farmers.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y. SUN. R. 8/10. Suggestions that farmers leave "marginal" or unprofitable land, especially in areas worst stricken by drought, fall mostly on deaf ears. \* \* \* There may be solid virtue in standing pat, on a farm or on a business location, but some times it is suicidal. There are farms in every state in the Union illustrating this fact. (828561)

Editorials - Pro

## (3) The permanence of sound ideas.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. JOURNAL. I. 8/16. The plans of the Agricultural Administration to establish a reserve food supply for the "lean" years is a turning back to the older eras and ancient civilizations for advice. \* \* \* Principles founded upon wisdom and common sense never grow out of date and are applicable to human needs in every age. (830705)

## (4) The "granary" idea.

LOUISVILLE HERALD POST. I. 8/16. A scheme to store food for humans and feed for livestock to meet requirements of lean years is reported under discussion in Washington. This is one idea coming from the Brain Trustees with which no one can possibly find fault. \* \* \* Now, if the Federal Government will permit farmers to continue work toward bountiful crops, store the surplus to keep up prices, sell it reasonably to consumers in lean crop years, the damnable cycle within which we have been floundering for generations may be broken. (831187)

## (5) Storing food.

LAWRENCE, MASS. TELEGRAM. R. 8/16. Criticism of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration's crop-curtailment policy should not imply disapproval of all the other parts of its program. \* \* \* Among the present Federal activities deserving praise are the plans being made for storing foodstuffs over a period of years. Of course the final answer to the farm problem will perhaps be more planning by the farmers and less planning by the Government. \* \* \* Absence of planning, national and international, resulted in surpluses in relation to ability of growers to sell their products at a profit. \* \* \* We might finally have a kind of planning relatively free from controversies over economic theories and from partisan turmoil. (831131)

## (1) Straws in the wind.

ATLANTA JOURNAL. D. 8/19. Let us grasp a few of the straws which show the way the autumnal winds will blow. From Mississippi--says the JACKSON DAILY NEWS. "Please don't worry about Mississippi. We are sitting on top of the world, as compared with most of the states in the nation." \* \* \* From Alabama--says the MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER: "It has been several years since Alabama had trade prospects so fair as it faces at this time." Says the BIRMINGHAM NEWS: "This will probably be a memorable crop year in Alabama. It is not the best this state has ever had, but it promises to be the best in several years." From South Georgia and Florida--Valdosta reports: "The business and agricultural empire, including portions of South Georgia and Florida, of which Valdosta is the capital, is coming into its own this season." \* \* \* The straws foretell a winter of content for the South. (831195)

## (2) Reconstruction.

YONKERS, N. Y. RECORD. ID. 8/15. One of the greatest potential fields for stimulated construction lies in the farm home. \* \* \* An increasing percentage of farmers are becoming able to build, repair and modernize their dwellings. (829891)

Editorials - Con

## (3) Continuing the AAA's crop control.

PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER. I. 7/31. \* \* \* It is a hard job that the AAA management has on its hands. Always regarded with more or less suspicion in the Middle West, this department of the New Deal has yet to prove its efficacy. (15258\*)

## (4) Skeptical farmers.

WASHINGTON POST. I. 8/8. Writing from Illinois, where the drought struck heavily, Elliott Thurston reported that the instinctive distrust of bureaucratic planning characteristic of farmers has been so heightened in the drought areas as sharply to discredit AAA policies. (15250\*)

## (5) Renames the AAA.

DES MOINES TRIBUNE. IR. 8/15. To the Editor of the TRIBUNE: The farmers of southern Iowa haven't much left since the drought and bugs took their toll. Yet a good crop of white collared agents and advisers still have good picking. \* \* \* The AAA was created as an experiment and has proved to be a theoretical one only. Instead of standing for the Agriculture Adjustment Act it should stand for "agriculture ailments aggravated!" -- G. O. Chapman, Chariton, Ia. (15249\*)

## (6) What price the AAA?

WASHINGTON POST. I. 7/28. \* \* \* The Secy of Agri. has talked a good deal recently about controlling crops until export markets can be revived. But there are numerous indications that the artificial scarcity fostered by the AAA in this country is increasing foreign competition. Consequently, in

reconsidering its position, the AAA is squarely confronted by the question of what, if any, further service to the farmers it can actually render. (15261\*)

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(1) The AAA reverses itself.

RICHMOND, VA. TIMES-DISPATCH. ID. 8/14. Nature has forced the AAA drastically to revise its program for "control" of the 1935 crop. \* \* \* It is highly probable that 1935 will be marked by less radical "tinkering" by the Government's staff of theoretical farmers. (830288)

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(2) Hedging.

WHEELING, W. VA. INTELLIGENCER. R. 8/11. Brought face to face with an appalling crop outlook, the Dept. of Agri. experimenters are beginning to hedge on their crop control plans. \* \* \* It looks like we are to cling to this theory of prosperity through scarcity, no matter what the cost, until there is a change of power at Washington. (829214)

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(3) Who sold President the crop destruction plan?

PATERSON, N. J. CALL. R. 8/11. There has been much discussion of the New Deal Administration's farm program, and especially the theory of crop destruction and reduction, and much of it has been adverse, especially since the extended drought that has devastated the Middle Western farm area has made tremendous inroads in crop estimates. \* \* \* It would be interesting, as Senator Borah remarked, to know who sold the crop destruction plan to the President. (828280)

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(4) Falter in crop control.

KENOSHA, WIS. NEWS. I. 8/11. \* \* \* Whatever attitude may be taken toward the present decision, it is apparent to all that the farm problem has not been solved and that it is almost as puzzling today as it was when experimentations in this economic field were started. (828974)

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(5) A hard lesson.

LOS ANGELES, CAL. POST. I. 8/14. (By the Editor.) Even drought's devastation can't seem to teach AAA falsity of its theories. \* \* \* Before wealth can be distributed it must be created. But right in the face of that plain lesson, the AAA brain trusters cling to the topsy-turvy theory of destroying crops to produce abundance. (830958)

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(6) Crop control's hazards.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS. REPUBLICAN. I. 8/17. \* \* \* If planning, or crop control, in large scale agriculture is to be a permanent Government policy for the avoidance of surpluses, the year will come when a crop failure abroad may find the American harvest much less abundant than it would have been but for the official control program. \* \* \* And then would the wrath of the farmers descend upon the Government of the day! (831197)

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## (1) Concessions to nature's laws.

PEORIA, ILL. JOURNAL. I. 8/14. \* \* \* Because of lack of feeds, hundreds of thousands of food animals are to be slaughtered, and if there is a surplus of feeds next year, "We'll all go to smash together." Perhaps the best way out is to let nature take its course without the aid or consent of Government. (830953)

## (2) Distorted by politics.

WASHINGTON POST. I. 8/6. \* \* \* The Administration will be fortunate if Grand Coulee does not become a symbol of the waste, the extravagance and the broken hopes which follow in the wake of "economic planning" distorted by politics. (15265\*)

## (3) New Deal jitters.

INDIANAPOLIS STAR. ID. 8/9. A number of Administration spokesmen, judged by the public comment, seem to be getting a bad case of jitters. These New Dealers requested constructive criticism of their policies, but apparently there "ain't no such animal." The motive behind any suggestion is questioned and those who presume to doubt the program of the brain trusters are subject to vicious attacks. \* \* \* Recovery is being retarded, despite Johnson and Tugwell, until business has some assurance of what the future holds, with respect to sound currency and freedom from Federal competition. (15267\*)

## (4) Who pays the processing taxes?

N. Y. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 8/20. \* \* \* While consumers have thus absorbed on the whole a minor share of the aggregate processing levies until now, the situation is undergoing a radical change. Recent market movements indicate that the processing taxes are being shifted to consumers to a rapidly increasing extent. (830962)

## (5) The drought.

SACRAMENTO, CAL. UNION. I. 8/13. The Middlewest drought is worrying more than the farmers who are its chief sufferers. It is worrying President Roosevelt, Secy of Agri. Wallace, the AAA and official Washington. For the drought threatens to upset the crop control plan of the Government. \* \* \* The untouched sections will profit, but the vast Middlewest has been cast into gloom and almost into bankruptcy in its rural areas. (831199)

## (6) AAA B.C.

RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER. D. 8/16. \* \* \* strangely enough in the United States, the bad years have been the fat years and the nation looks for better times in the lean ones. It was just the reverse in Egypt. But in Egypt Pharaoh's secretary of agriculture could not only collect grain but foretell the weather which unfortunately Mr. Wallace has been unable to do. (830704)

News Columns

(1) The farmer's chin is up.

KANSAS CITY STAR. I. 8/6. Visiting merchants report country has fighting spirit. \* \* \* The farmer in the agricultural belt of the Southwest has taken another hitch in his belt and is facing the winter with the same dauntless fortitude he always has shown in the past. Crops may fail and wells go dry, but the farmer has been through the same thing before, and he'll fight it through again. (15244\*)

(2) Drought situation worries industry.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 7/29. Farmers' purchasing power is cut as much as 50% in stricken states. (15255\*)

(3) Bumper crop cut in East Wisconsin.

WASHINGTON STAR. I. 8/17. (Milwaukee, AP) Section is oasis in drought as farmers count large grain harvests. (15288\*)

(4) Country faces most meagre grain production in 30 years; no famine, Wallace asserts.

PROVIDENCE, R.I. JOURNAL. I. 8/11. Ravages of drought imperil entire food supply of America. Estimate puts corn harvest at half-billion bushels under July 1 figure. Sources of meat pared. Cotton affected adversely also; wheat prediction increases seven million bushels. (15243\*)

(5) More in than paid out.

KANSAS CITY TIMES. I. 8/16. (Wash.) Kansas and Missouri are favored by the Government. Former's per capita amount is \$28.46 for \$12.26, the latter's \$25.13 for \$21.05 collected in taxes. (15274\*)

(6) Canadian AAA more drastic than in U. S.

DALLAS MORNING NEWS. ID. 8/15. New law provides for complete regulation of natural products by Federal Board. Profits limited. Foreign trade control by licensing system one of features. (15278\*)

(7) Soviet harvest of grain nearly to equal 1933 total; no actual famine is seen.

CHICAGO DAILY NEWS. I. 8/20. (William H. Stoneman, special cable to the Chicago Daily News Foreign Service. Moscow, U.S.S.R.) (15284\*)

News Columns - Pro

(1) Rise in farm income seen despite drought.

N. Y. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 8/14. 80 percent of farmers to benefit by higher prices, bounties, Food Institute predicts. (210067)

(2) North Carolina's crops prospect good.

GREENSBORO, N. C. RECORD. D. 8/14. (College Station, Raleigh) Farmers in all sections of North Carolina are highly optimistic. Prospects of abundant harvests at fair prices is causing a general feeling of optimism and good cheer through the rural districts of North Carolina. (213837)

(3) High prices paid for farm produce.

MACON, GA. TELEGRAPH. ID. 8/15. (Atlanta) Southwest Georgia planters and merchants are optimistic. (213838)

(4) Demands halt in irrigation plans as inconsistent.

TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL. R. 8/16. (Chicago AP) Farm Bureau calls on Administration to go no further with land reclamation projects. \* \* \* "The inconsistency of reducing production in farm products and of developing vast irrigable tracts is not unnoticed by us," a resolution stated. "If we are to reduce our production to supply the home market, the Federal Government must go no further in development or irrigation other than to properly protect farmers and their families who are now living in irrigation districts." The Farm Bureau leaders, representing 11 Midwestern states, closed their conference and training school not only with whole-hearted approval of the AAA but also with requests for further powers for the Secy of Agri. (15275\*)

News Columns - Con

(5) Lack of confidence.

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. R. 8/10. \* \* \* There is beginning to be a lack of confidence not so much in the President's measures as in the President. (15263\*)

(6) Claim AAA is illegal; ask court to void tax.

FOOD FIELD REPORTER, New York. 5/7. Receivers of Hoosac Mills say act assumes powers Constitution didn't grant Congress. (15241\*)

(7) New deal program is ridiculed by Langer.

BISMARCK TRIBUNE. IR. 8/16. (Sioux Falls, S.C. AP) \* \* \* Criticizing failure of the Government to raise tariff walls to prevent importation of foreign grown farm products the deposed Governor said 20,000,000 bushels of rye, 5,000,000 bushels of barley, tons of meat and millions of eggs have been imported to this country during President Roosevelt's term in direct competition with the American farmer. (15289\*)

## (1) Consumers' revolt balks New Dealers.

CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE. I.R. 7/26. (By Howard Wood.) \* \* \* Under the program laid out for recovery the consumer was one part of a big triumvirate, the other parts being capital and labor. It soon developed that the representatives appointed to watch the interests of the consumers were about as helpful as an attorney appointed by the court to defend an impecunious culprit who everybody agrees will be hanged anyway. (15264\*)

## (2) New Deal a sick child, says Norman Thomas.

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH. ID. 8/20. Charges attempt to curtail production has created starvation. (15281\*)

## (3) New Dealers forced to swing away from radical policies.

DENVER POST. I. 8/5. (Washington) (David Lawrence) Increase in unemployment despite enormous Federal expenditures worries Administration; road to inflation appears impossible. Rumors of inside pow-wows and conferences among the conservative Democrats in consultation with members of the cabinet are attracting a good deal of attention, especially as the conversations have for their object the making of a report to President Roosevelt on his return. (15247\*)

## (4) Farmers balk at abandoning drought area.

CHICAGO HERALD AND EXAMINER. I. 7/30. Governors also protest plan to move 20,000; urge jobs as alternative. Farmers of the Northwest states and their governors are opposed in the main to the suggestion of Dr. Elwood Mead, Federal reclamation officer. (15257\*)

## (5) Farmers hit Federal plans.

TOLEDO, O. NEWS BEE. I. 8/14. (Mt. Blanchard, O.) Grange and Union meeting in Mount Blanchard flay AAA program. The Government corn-hog and wheat programs drew the wrath of the Friendship Grange and Farmers Union No. 65 at a joint meeting. They passed resolutions denouncing the entire AAA program and expressing opposition to any renewal of contracts. (212545)

## (6) Destroying crops held first error in AAA program.

PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER. I. 7/30. (By Royal Meeker) (New Haven, Conn. 7/29) Country has been pulled out of depressions by nature, says Meeker. Strikes which cover the waterfront and the hinterland as well are being described as communist revolutions. Without in the least discounting the significance and seriousness of these outbreaks against social order, it should be stated emphatically that strikes are secondary in importance to the agricultural crisis brought about by drought and insect pests especially in the Middle West. (15273\*)

## FOOD PRICES

### Editorials

#### (1) Fair food prices.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR. 8/16. Drought in America has turned the problem of preventing crop surpluses into a problem of preventing high prices on shortened food supplies. \* \* \* But food prices should certainly go no higher than a fair compensation to the producer required. To prevent needless price boosting, the Government's best weapon is information. Simply the issuance of dependable figures on supplies of wheat, cotton, corn, and so forth, counteracts the scares of scarcity. And to analyze how small a fraction an increase of the farm price actually adds to a finished product is often to discomfit the price a middleman asks on that pretext. In this emergency the best way to circumvent the profiteer is to give the consumer the facts. (830667)

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#### (2) Drought devastation.

CHARLOTTE, N. C. OBSERVER. ID. 8/12. \* \* \* In spite of this devastating loss to the agricultural interests of the stricken area, there is an abundance of supplies in store for the needs of the country. (829224)

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#### (3) The food supply.

BOSTON POST. ID. 8/17. While it is generally believed that food prices will be higher this winter there is no possibility of a shortage of any essential product. (830660)

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#### (4) Food prices move upward.

SAVANNAH, GA. NEWS. I. 8/16. Reports of a national survey of food prices indicate that they are soaring in the United States, with the peak still some distance away. (830666)

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#### (5) Higher prices coming.

TUCSON ARIZONA STAR. I. 8/14. The rapid rise in prices of commodities carries in it some significant features which are for the most part not realized by the public as a whole. \* \* \* Those who have any means at all with which to buy, should, therefore, stock up with things they need. Prices will be higher this fall and possibly much higher this coming winter. (831168)

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#### (6) Drought and living costs.

BETHLEHEM, PA. GLOBE-TIMES. I. 8/16. \* \* \* The whole situation requires intelligence, honesty and decision in its handling. With foresight and cooperation, there will be less loss and suffering than the magnitude of the drought would otherwise cause. (830670)

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## (1) Drought loss.

BALTIMORE SUN. ID. 8/20. \* \* \* These are matters which we cannot afford as a people and as a Government to overlook. But it is just as well to leave off the talk about a five billion dollar crop loss. If anything would be likely to stimulate profiteering, such talk would. (831202)

## (2) Reasonable profit.

PITTSBURGH SUN-TELEGRAPH. I. 8/16. There is a vast difference between higher food prices and profiteering in food. \* \* \* Along comes the drought, however, reduces crops to a minimum, operation of the law of supply and demand sets in. Up to that point, there is no particular reason to complain. But along with that comes the fear that certain conscienceless interests will set out to profiteer on a situation forced upon us by contrary Nature. It has happened before that these interests, controlling the supplies have said: "We have what you need; pay us our price or go without." \* \* \* There is a wide difference between paying a reasonable profit to the producer and paying a highwayman's profit to a profiteer. (830669)

## (3) The Government's first responsibility.

GALVESTON, TEX. NEWS. ID. 8/15. Despite repeated statements from Washington that there is no food shortage and will be none, some of the people are getting worried about the food situation as the destruction of livestock goes on and the last hope vanishes of saving field crops in the drought belt. \* \* \* There is no sensible reason why the American people should have to depend on domestic food supplies or go hungry. Shiploads of refrigerated meat can be brought from Argentina if our own supplies are so limited that poor people can't afford to buy it. \* \* \* Drought doesn't keep American factories from running and the things they turn out are potential currency for food if we need it. The reciprocal tariff law gives President Roosevelt full authority to effect an exchange agreement if it becomes advisable--and it will become advisable if any danger of a food shortage develops. (830682)

Editorials - Pro

## (4) Food and cost.

NEWARK, N. J. STAR EAGLE. IR. 8/15. There will be no food shortage next year and while the cost of living may go up six percent every effort will be made to prevent profiteering. (830272)

## (5) Food profiteers, beware!

BROOKLYN, N. Y. EAGLE. I. 8/18. \* \* \* That there will be some natural price increases is expected. But consumers generally, especially in the great cities, are reassured by the President's ultimatum that any orgy of speculation will not be tolerated. (830672)

## (1) Warning to food profiteers.

HARTFORD, CONN. TIMES. ID. 8/16. In the face of political and other challenges which are being hurled at the Roosevelt policies regarding crop control, it is obvious that the President will put full Federal power against all efforts at profiteering in food prices. \* \* \* There is reason for expecting that the Roosevelt Administration intends to watch this situation with some care. Sharp rise in the cost of living will be a frowning face and one difficult to pacify with pleasant words on social justice. Outright action restraining unjustified increase in the cost of the necessities of life will be popularly expected. The President is pledging the Government to do that very thing. (830680)

## (2) Safeguarding the consumer.

HARTFORD, CONN. COURANT. R. 8/15. For the consumer the drought may turn out to be not an unmitigated calamity. At least it has compelled the Administration to consider more seriously than hitherto the problem of safeguarding the consumer against an unwarranted rise in the cost of living. \* \* \* In any event, the interests of the consumer have at last become a major concern of the New Deal, and his interests under a planned economy seem likely to get the attention that they deserve. (830677)

## (3) Food is not scarce.

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL. I. 8/17. \* \* \* There is no cause for alarm if profiteering can be prevented and the President, promising that it will be, gives all the assurance that is necessary. Food prices have so far gone up only six percent over last year. It may be expected that they will climb a bit more before the winter is over. That is natural. And it also is desirable that the farmer shall have better prices for what he has to sell. (831176)

## (4) Food profiteering.

PUEBLO, COLO. CHIEFTAIN. I. 8/14. President Roosevelt and officials in charge of his drought relief program will face one of their toughest problems this fall and winter in their efforts to protect the public from profiteering in food supplies. \* \* \* There is some satisfaction in the knowledge that the Government will endeavor to protect the interests of the many against the operations of food speculators, but it is practically certain that even the Government will be unable to completely stamp out profiteering in all its forms. (830264)

## (5) Watching food prices.

PROVIDENCE, R. I. JOURNAL. I. 8/15. Anticipating that unscrupulous sellers of food supplies will attempt to use the drought and the restriction program of the AAA as excuses for unduly increasing prices, the Dept. of Agri. is taking proper steps to protect the consumer. \* \* \* Purveyors of food supplies who depart too widely from the price level set by scrupulous dealers in a given community will either fall into line or retire from business. (15245\*)

## (1) Set trap now to catch food profiteers.

LONG ISLAND CITY STAR. ID. 8/16. The Midwestern drought offers a golden opportunity for food gougers, if they are left undisturbed. Fortunately, however, the Federal Government has determined to safeguard the consumer and the opportunity may not be so "golden" as it appears. \* \* \* Officials have relied chiefly on publicity to fight food profiteering, but consumers will gain more confidence from the announcement at Washington that this method "probably will be reinforced by other devices." (830665)

## (2) Problem of food costs.

DALLAS MORNING NEWS. ID. 8/17. \* \* \* With respect to the food speculators, they can be expected to raise prices as much as the law of supply and demand will permit them. No combination of speculators should be permitted to raise prices more than this by obtaining a strangle hold on supply, and the Government should step in to stop any such attempt. But the Government should not step in, for political reasons to depress a naturally buoyant market. This buoyancy comes partly as the result of the Government's own "plow-up and slaughter" campaigns, and the legitimate dealer doing a legitimate business should not be penalized for following the natural reaction of the market. The Administration can best maintain itself in the confidence of the public just now by swatting the bogey men that actually present themselves and ignoring those that exist in the imagination only. (15285\*)

Editorials - Con

## (3) Where does profiteering begin?

BOSTON TRANSCRIPT. IR. 8/10. \* \* \* President Roosevelt pauses to assure the country that he will keep food prices down. \* \* \* To an urban population already paying higher food prices, resulting in good part from heavy Federal taxes imposed upon foodstuffs at wholesale, these words from the White House come as a pleasant assurance. But what city people would like to know is, just how high must food prices go before they become "too high"? \* \* \* There can be no questioning the President's good intentions, but there can be no denying that the Administration's agricultural program is as much a paradox as it is a plan.

## (4) AAA plan to curb rise in costs of food is met with skepticism.

PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER. I. 8/6. (Mark Sullivan) Among several confused reactions of AAA to the drought have been hurried statements during the last week that AAA would prevent any serious rise in prices of food. If this is a genuine declaration of intention, it is difficult to understand. It runs counter to every probability. The expediency of politics, the operation of nature, the declared policy of AAA at the time it was started, and the President's personal promise several times repeated--all these unite at the present time to call for higher prices of farm crops and therefore higher prices of food. (15270\*)

## (1) No buck-passing.

ROCKFORD, ILL. STAR. R. 8/15. \* \* \* But prices will rise through shortage and it will be very easy for Washington to try to duck the blame by raising the profiteer yelp, particularly through the first week in November. It will be far wiser for the AAA, Mr. Wallace and the rest to keep their heads, admit that drought has disrupted their planning, and call for a co-operative effort to get us out of a bad hole. (820273)

## (2) What's what behind news in capital.

WASHINGTON STAR. I. 8/18. (Paul Mallon) \* \* \* Right now every insider believes President Roosevelt will have to impose some price-fixing restraints to keep profiteers and speculators from trying to run away with the show. As soon as he does, he must reverse the economic and political theory on which the AAA has been running, or at least throw it out of gear. It was popular in the farm belt to pay out money for curtailed acreage, as long as it boosted prices up. It will be decidedly unpopular to stop the natural price rise and tell the farmers who have crops that they cannot get any more than a certain fixed price. This basic difficulty is further emphasized by the fact that many farmers outside the drought areas are now spending their idle evenings figuring up what they would have made if they had planted all their acreage this year. \* \* \* The experience of the AAA (in milk, particularly) and the NRA (in codes) proved that you might as well invite a hive of bees into your house as to try to fix prices. It is not only well nigh impossible to arrive at a really fair price, but it is certainly impossible to enforce it after you arrive at it. The AAA'ers and NRA'ers have been stung every time they attempted it, and both will lament for President Roosevelt if he is forced into it. (15286\*)

## (3) Ascending food prices.

ST. JOSEPH, MO. GAZETTE. I. 8/15. By raising the cost of processing, distributing and retailing, the NRA has forced a gradual increase in the cost of foodstuffs. The AAA also has contributed to higher prices with the processing tax. Then came the drought. \* \* \* The experiment of the planned economists has been carried to a deadlock with Professor Tugwell's "law of nature", and with the habits and instincts of the people. It has met with the distrust of those who finance the employment of others. If the professional tinkerers are true to their pledge of honest fact-facing, they will swing to the right, earn the confidence of hard-working, practical men, release the glut of money in the banks, and allow prices and the ability to pay them to find the level that the people can understand and work with in the light of their own experience. (830678)

News Columns

## (4) Food prices 17 percent above year ago.

WALL ST. JOURNAL. 8/17. Outlook is for continuing rise says American Institute of Food Distribution. (213845)

News Columns - Pro.

(1) There'll be no food 'corners'.

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL. IR. 8/3. AAA moves to curb all wildcatting as result of drought. (15253\*)

(2) AAA to wage war on drought profiteers.

FOOD FIELD REPORTER, New York. 8/13. (Wash. D.C.) The AAA is planning to take the most energetic measures against those who attempt to take advantage of drought conditions and profiteer in food. (15245\*)

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D A I R YEditorials

(3) The milk problem.

HAMMOND, IND. TIMES. IR. 8/10. \* \* \* The farmers want to sell more at a higher price. The distributors want to sell more for more profit. And the consumer should drink more, and probably would if the price were lower. (828996)

(4) Give the Farmer the cent.

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL. I. 8/9. Milk may go from 9 to 10 cents a quart in Milwaukee. \* \* \* If anybody is to get the benefit of an increased milk price it should be the farmer, and the farmer alone. (828284)

(5) Milk Control Board

WATERBURY, CONN. DEMOCRAT. ID. 8/17. Connecticut will be the base of the probe to be conducted by the Federal Government into the milk industry, according to recent reports. That should be encouraging news, for it will certainly reveal to our complete satisfaction sooner or later just what the milk control board is accomplishing in this state. (830965)

News Columns

(6) Milkmen plan raise in prices August 15.

MINOT, N.D. NEWS. I. 8/9. Propose to ask 12 cents per quart for four percent milk. The Minot Milkmen's Assn. which on August 1 raised its price of milk one cent, plans to add two cents more per quart to the retail price after August 15. (210122)

(7) Milk war is on.

TOPEKA, KAN. STATE JOURNAL. IR. 8/16. Producers and bottlers are in deadlock at present. Retail price of 13 cents per quart is suggested. Marketing agreement before the AAA in Washington. (214176)

(1) Milk is scarce.

TOPEKA, KAN. JOURNAL. IR. 8/9. \* \* \* Threat of a shortage of grade "A" milk for Topeka. (210123)

(2) Milk areas under AAA show advance.

PROVIDENCE JOURNAL. R. I. 8/11. Producers in 20 licensed zones now receive more money for product. (15242\*)

(3) AAA raises Twin Cities milk prices.

MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL. IR. 8/15. Farmers to get \$2 instead of \$1.60 per hundred pounds. Retail cost will be cent a quart more. 10-cent quotation expected to go into effect Friday. (15277\*)

(4) Milk producers to vote on strike.

TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL. R. 8/16. Last minute conferences fail to bring agreement with bottlers on bulk milk price. Retail price at 12 cents. With all efforts at compromise between milk producers and distributors ending so far in failure, the situation in Topeka's milk price controversy is becoming increasingly tense. (15280\*)

(5) Loose milk held no public saving.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 8/8. (Albany, Aug. 7) State board opposes fixing price without consulting authorities here. Utensils and sterilizing would raise price to consumer, Commission declares. Opposing fixing a price for loose milk in New York City until a committee had consulted the city authorities, the State Milk Advisory Commission advised the Agriculture Commissioner, Charles H. Baldwin, that it was doubtful if any saving would be obtained through legalizing the sale of loose milk. (15246\*)

(6) Albemarle milk dealers defy edict on prices.

RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH. ID. 8/17. (Charlottesville) "Will fight Board's rule to jail doors"; score "kingly rule of few". Independent dairy-men declared they would not abide by the price scale set by the Virginia Milk Commission for the Charlottesville milkshed. "We are not going to raise our prices one cent until we are forced to jail," L. A. Ward, president of the Albemarle Independents' Assn. said. He again defied what the group of small producers has called "monopolistic" and "Socialistic" actions by the board. (15276\*)

#### L I V E S T.O.C.K - M E A T S

#### Editorial

(7) Does a meat shortage impend?

N.Y. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 8/17. \* \* \* Only continuation of drouth conditions through the fall and winter months, to necessitate abnormally

heavy slaughtering in Southern live stock raising districts, or further radical slaughtering programs of the Government, can bring about anything like a real shortage of live stock, and consequently of meats. (15272\*)

## News Column

(1) Meat industry plans campaign to sell and distribute surplus.

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. R. 8/5. Problems confronting meat retailers of the nation are sufficiently important to warrant the largest attendance on record at the forthcoming session of the New York State Association of Retail Meat Dealers at Baltimore, according to a statement issued by T. G. Lee, president of Armour & Co. (15269\*)

### News Column - Pro

(2) Meat prices leap upward.

WASHINGTON HERALD. I. 8/17. (Chicago, UP) Skyrocketing hog prices were hailed by livestock raisers as a harbinger of returning prosperity to millions of Middlewestern farmers. (213846)

## G R A T I N

## Editorial

(3) Trying to control wheat.

RENO, NEV. GAZETTE. R. 8/14. A determined effort to reduce the world wheat acreage is expected at the conference which began at London. \* \* \* The effort to control all this grain may be successful, but it was not so last year and it does not look as if it would be this year. (831160)

### Editorial- Pro

(4) Stored grain.

EVANSVILLE, IND. COURIER. I. 8/13. \* \* \* Should not something like this be done hereafter with temporarily unmarketable crops? Storing them in bounteous years for honest sale in lean years looks like plain, common sense. (831189)

## News Columns

(5) Caution to guide grain trade men.

WALL ST. JOURNAL. I. 8/17. (Chicago) Roosevelt statement regarded as possibly a bid for cooperation. \* \* \* It was pointed out by seasoned members in the trade that the Administration most certainly must be aware that price remains the one fundamental basis for regulating consumption of foods. Further, it is noted that the Administration through the AAA is

committed definitely to the policy of securing higher prices for farm products, even though compromise thereon with the necessity of keeping commodities at retail within the limits of public purchasing power is required. (212541)

(1) German wheat crop estimate up three percent Aug. 1.

WALL STREET JOURNAL. I. 8/30. (Berlin) Need of 500,000 tons of fodder imports likely--all grain figures below 1933 harvest. Official estimates as of Aug. 1 for German crops, issued by the Reich Bureau of Statistics, put the indicated wheat production at 4,230,000 tons, against 5,600,000 harvested in 1933. (15262\*)

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S U G A REditorial - Con

(2) Sugar control.

DENVER POST. I. 8/13. \* \* \* The more the American people see of this Jones-Costigan sugar control scheme, the more clearly they see that its primary purpose was and is to help the Cuban cane sugar industry. (829836)

News Column

(3) Western Montana beet crop ahead of that of 1933.

MONTANA MISSOULIAN. I. 8/14. Yields are expected to be larger this year. (213839)

News Columns - Con

(4) New Cuban sugar pact would rob U.S. of 40 millions a year.

DENVER POST. I. 7/24. (By Charles O. Gridley, Denver Post Staff Correspondent) (Wash.) Proposed widening of tariff differential assailed by expert as futile waste of customs revenue; propaganda overdone. (15254\*)

(5) Sugar test suit slated.

LOS ANGELES TIMES. R. 8/10. Former Secy Garfield attacks constitutionality of act reducing Hawaiian import quota. (15271\*)

(6) Sugar control bill attacked by Hawaiians.

FLORIDA TIMES-UNION. D. 8/18. (Wash. UP) Rumblings of discontent in the sugar industry over control provisions of the Jones-Costigan law suddenly broke into the open when the Hawaiian Sugar Planters Assn filed suit to test the act's constitutionality. (15290\*)

(1) Hawaiian planters file action to test sugar law validity.

N.Y. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 8/18. (Wash. UP) Seek to bar application of marketing, quota clauses to them. Discrimination against territory is charged. Hearing on injunction set for September 4 marks industry's first move against act. (15287\*)

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C O T T O NNews Column

(2) Pegging price of cotton advocated.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE. ID. 8/16. Bankhead favors 13-cent level and suspension of processing tax. (15248\*)

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News Column - Pro

(3) Cotton raisers acclaim AAA.

DES MOINES REGISTER. IR. 7/31. (Corpus Christi, Tex. AP) Farmers of this section, at a mass meeting Monday, voiced approval of the Agricultural Adjustment Act and of Secy Wallace's policies. (15256\*)

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News Column - Con

(4) Cotton experiment.

KANSAS CITY STAR. I. 8/6. Under AAA experimenting in the South, the price of cotton has climbed, but crop control has been accompanied by a heavy increase of unemployment in the agricultural regions, due principally to displacement of tenant farmers. Evidently, the stream of recovery, bearing along the forgotten man, has a few eddies and counter currents. (15245\*)

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F O R A G ENews Column

(5) Make 52,000 feed loans because of shortage.

TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL. R. 8/16. (Wichita, Special) Demands at peak. Regardless of high price there will not be enough forage for winter. Generally speaking, farmers and cattlemen do not realize the acuteness of the feed situation. (15279\*)

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